

# NEWS NOTES CONDENSED

A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

### Foreign.

The Chinese government has sent a circular note to the powers protesting against Russia's claims to the right of administration over the Manchurian railway zones. The protest deals lengthily with the Russian communique which was sent to the powers October 8.

Baron Sidney Sonnino, who was premier in 1906, has been semi-officially entrusted with the formation of a new Italian cabinet, the Giolitti cabinet having resigned.

According to the Standard, J. Pierpont Morgan & Company of New York and Drexel & Company of Philadelphia will become the partners of a London firm, which will be styled Morgan, Grenfell & Company.

By a majority of 215, after a brief but exciting sitting, the house of commons recorded its claim to exclusive control of the nation's purse—a claim never before challenged in modern times.

The protocol with the United States for the reference of the Alop claim to King Edward for mediation was signed by the government of Chile.

The cabinet of Premier Giolitti of Italy resigned.

The ministerial commission which has been discussing with business men various matters of trade, has approved the suggestion of placing a tax of seven-tenths of one cent on each pound of cotton grown in European Russia, Bohemia and Khiva.

Admiral Togo, chief of the general staff of the Japanese navy, retires from the naval command and becomes a member of the military council. He is succeeded in his earlier office by Vice Admiral Sir Goro Ijima.

### General.

At Kansas City Joseph Campbell killed his wife, then took his own life. He was a morphine fiend.

The secretary of the interior has approved the decision of the commissioner of the land office in the case of Henry Kern against John Eaton, on appeal of the former in dismissing his contest against the homestead entry of the latter, located in the Alliance (Neb.) land district.

Secretary of the Interior Ballinger has made his annual report.

In a street duel with knives at Alcazar, Ark., Miss Nora Owens was fatally injured by Miss Stella Belk and died within a few minutes.

The president will exert all his influence looking to changes in the interstate commerce act.

The Kansas state treasury will receive \$25,000 cash, as an inheritance tax, from the estate of James Clarke, a farmer in Marshall county. This is the largest tax yet assessed against a Kansas estate under the new law.

The Kansas State Agricultural College 2-year-old Angus steer, King Ellsworth, won the grand championship as the best steer in America at the International Stock show in Chicago.

John Harvard, a negro preacher, who had committed murder, was burned at the stake near Cochran, Georgia.

Mexico will maintain a neutral attitude in the Nicaraguan rumpus.

The Richard-Gleason bid for the Jeffries-Johnson fight, to be in California, was accepted.

President Taft has taken steps to put the Red Cross society on a permanent business footing.

Congressman Hinshaw says Cannon cannot be elected speaker at the session of the next congress.

Following a charge of murder at St. Louis against Mrs. Doxey of Columbus, Neb., a requisition was issued.

Secretary of War Dickinson advocates changes in army affairs in annual report.

A strike of switchmen involving over two thousand men was inaugurated at St. Paul, Minn.

Congress opened on noon Monday, but the president's message was not read until Tuesday.

"More men are killed as the result of playing football in one year than are killed in labor troubles," says John Mitchell.

President Taft soon is to receive a call from the legislative committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, for a conference upon matters pertaining to pension legislation this winter.

According to an official dispatch from Bitlis, Asiatic Turkey, several small villages in that vicinity have been destroyed by an earthquake.

President Taft will make the opening address at the convention of the National Civic Federation to begin its important work in Washington Jan. 17, next.

D. L. Winchell, president of the Rock Island, has been elected President of the St. Louis & San Francisco road.

Senator Elmer J. Burkett of Nebraska has prepared a resolution, which he intends to present to congress, calling for a thorough investigation of the sugar trust.

Duke Karl Theodore of Bavaria died from kidney trouble.

Iowa stock food law is declared by Judge McPherson in the federal court to be all right and sufficient to hold water.

In the United States court of appeals at St. Paul the sentence imposed by the United States district court of Nebraska upon members of the Nebraska Land & Feeding company was affirmed. The defendants had been given both fines and jail sentences and the original infliction will now be carried out.

"There is absolutely no foundation for the report that the Oregon Short Line is to relinquish control of the Salt Lake division of the Southern Pacific," said President Lovett of the Harriman system. "I cannot imagine where or how the rumors originated."

Five more men were added last week to the bankers' colony at Ft. Leavenworth penitentiary.

The British house of commons adopted a resolution of censure of lords.

Reorganization of the Rock Island railroad was practically completed by the election of four new vice presidents to serve with President Henry U. Mudge.

The supreme court of the United States has denied the petition of Charles T. Morse, the New York banker, for a writ of certiorari. He must serve in prison.

The recent snow storm in Kansas is said to have been a great help to wheat.

While his wife and three little children were out walking, John K. Souther, of Washington, an artist, committed suicide by shooting. Souther was 29 years of age.

Congress is to be assailed by reform organizations within a day or so after it convenes.

The government faces important problems relating to channels and terminals in proposed waterways improvement.

Judge Charles Amidon, of the United States district court of North Dakota, advocated the execution of professional criminals and the hopelessly insane in an address at Fargo.

The government shows that there were great chances for deceit in the inquiry of the alleged sugar frauds in New York.

The Nicaragua official at Washington was given his passports and a scathing letter by Secretary of State Knox and diplomatic relations were therefore severed.

The British house of lords, by voting to reject the budget, have precipitated a crisis in England.

An Ohio lumber merchant says he overheard a plot to kill John D. Rockefeller.

### Washington.

Representative Hitchcock of Omaha expresses the opinion that the forthcoming session is going to be the liveliest exhibition that congress has given the country in a long time. He expects there will be something going on every minute and that the fighting will be forced from the very opening. Mr. Hitchcock is disposed to take especial interest in pressing for postal savings banks, on which he has long had a bill pending.

Recalling the fact that the leading political parties during their last national convention pledged themselves to statehood bills, George Curry who recently resigned the governorship of New Mexico, in his annual report to Secretary Ballinger again urges his aid and influence toward obtaining statehood for the territory at the coming session of congress.

Despite the state guaranty law for state banks in Oklahoma, many applications are pending at the treasury department for organization as national banks in the new state and one for the Germania national bank of Ponca City was approved. It is capitalized at \$25,000.

While on a visit to Boston from his home at Charleston, S. C., Brigadier General Henry M. Adams, U. S. A., retired, died. He was identified for a number of years with the engineer corps of the army. He was born in Massachusetts in 1844.

A gag order affecting the furnishing of information to any committee of the house or senate or any member of congress except as authorized by the head of the department in which such official serves, has been promulgated by the president.

Secretary of State Knox returned the passports of Felipe Rodrigues, charge d'affaires of the Nicaraguan legation with a letter scathingly denouncing the Zelayan government. The letter is definitely declared to represent the views of President Taft.

The consular service is to receive more attention with a view to its increased efficiency. The secretary has appointed Wilbur J. Carr, chief clerk of the department of state, director of the consular service, a newly created office.

### Personal.

The National Corn Show at Omaha was opened by an address by President Wattle.

The will of the late William M. Lafan, proprietor of the New York Sun, as filed for probate, leaves all his property to his widow. There were no children.

Control of the Equitable has been secured by J. Pierpont Morgan.

George Foster Peabody, William Dean Howells, William M. Ivins and Herbert Parsons are all advocates of woman suffrage.

Attorney General Fred. S. Jackson will enter the race for congress in the Fourth district of Kansas against J. M. Miller, the present member.

Emilie Jane Loyson, wife of the expatriate, Charles Loyson, died in Paris. She was born in New York in 1833, the daughter of Amory Butterfield.

Henry Augustus Willard, the last of the three well known Willard brothers of Washington, D. C., died a few days ago, aged 87.

## HEARD THE MESSAGE

DOCUMENT READ BEFORE SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN.

## HOW MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED

Republicans are Pleased, Regarding the President's Utterances as Along Satisfactory Lines.

Washington—Having assembled and received the president's annual message, congress found itself literally "out of work" and in consequence both houses adjourned over until Friday, when, if some of the various committees fail to provide something to do adjournment will be taken until Monday next.

The formality of reading the message aloud consumed about an hour and a half of the time of each house. When the conclusion was reached the house immediately adjourned, but the senate remained in session for some time afterward, an executive session being held before that body adjourned.

Little fault was found with the message by republicans, who seemed to agree that it was as satisfactory a document as the president could prepare and remain consistent with the party's campaign pledge. The democrats approved of the president's efforts to economize, but deprecated his suggestion that the Monroe doctrine had practically become obsolete.

"The message is written in the president's customary terse, vigorous style," commented Representative Payne, the majority leader in the house, while Representative Clark, the minority leader, thought that about all that could be said about the message was that it was comparatively brief, "as discussion of almost all important matters is relegated to special messages."

In both houses the message was subjected to the most careful scrutiny and while the members paid little attention to the perfunctory reading of it by the clerks they buried their heads between its pages and digested as much of it as they could at one reading.

Following the custom the message was referred to the committee of the whole by both branches, to be prepared for "vivisection" by the various committees whose business it is to deal with the president in his message.

The senate adjourned at 2:30 o'clock out of respect to the memory of Representatives DeArmond of Missouri and Lassiter of Virginia. The house adjourned at 1:45 o'clock.

Bill by Mr. Hitchcock.

Striking close upon the recent reports of the merger of the telegraph systems in the United States, a current resolution was today introduced by Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska directing the secretary of commerce and labor to have the bureau of corporations prepare for congress a statement of the physical valuation of the telegraph, telephone and cable lines and other tangible property belonging to the Western Union Telegraph company, the Postal Telegraph company and the American Telegraph and Telephone companies. The data is to be complete to December 1, to embrace the subsidiary concerns and to include the capital stock, the bonded debt of each of the three corporations and approximately the market value of the stock and bonds. The resolution authorizes the bureau to employ surveyors and appraisers for this work.

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## GREAT GAS TANK EXPLODES.

Twenty-Seven Men Burned to Death at Hamburg, Germany.

Hamburg.—The explosion of two gas tanks in the so-called "Kleine Grasbrook" on the Elbe front was followed by an extensive fire and the loss of many lives. The explosion was due to a leak in a new gasometer. Escaping gas entered the retort house, where it came in contact with the fires, causing a terrific explosion. A large number of workmen were engaged in rebuilding and enlarging the plant. Twenty-five of the men were employed near the gasometer. They disappeared in a mass of flame which shot up to a great height. Ten men are reported dead and seventeen missing. It is almost certain that all of these are dead. Forty men were dangerously injured of whom several cannot recover.

## POSTMASTERS AND CARRIERS.

Names of Those Who Have Been Appointed in Iowa and Nebraska.

Washington—Rural carriers have been appointed as follows: Nebraska—McCook, Route 2, J. J. Jimeron, carrier; H. S. Godfrey, substitute, D. Hinton, carrier; no substitute, Iowa—Arlington, Route 3, C. G. Manchester, carrier; E. M. Manchester, substitute. Hendrick—Route 1, Frank Keota, Route 3, J. A. Logan, carrier; no substitute, Lillie K. Stewart has been appointed postmaster at Strang, Fillmore county, Nebraska, vice D. E. Smith, resigned.

## Change for Inauguration Day.

Washington.—A change in the date of inauguration of the president of the United States from March 4 to the last Thursday in April is strongly urged in the annual report of the commissioners of the District of Columbia, presented to congress.

## New Senator Sworn In.

Washington.—Fountain L. Thompson, democrat, at the opening of the senate, was sworn in as senator from North Dakota. He succeeds the late Martin Johnston.

## ON BUSINESS BASIS

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE ISSUES AN ORDER.

## SPENDING OF STATE MONEY

Day of Grace Granted to Corporations—Miscellaneous Matters at the Capital of the State.

In order to put the militia companies of the state on a more businesslike basis the adjutant general's office has issued the following order, No. 24:

"First—From and after January 1, 1910, commanding officers will make report to this office on blanks furnished a strict account of all expenditure of funds furnished by the state for the maintenance of headquarters or companies.

"Second—No money shall be paid from such funds except on receipt properly signed and forwarded with above report.

"Third—When commanding officers expend more money in the maintenance of their commands than is furnished by the state, they will note upon each report the purpose and amount of such expenditure and the source from which such money was obtained, but receipts need not be furnished for such expenditure."

Heretofore the custom has been not to require any accounting whatever as to the expenditure of state money. The late order will make for efficiency by giving the adjutant's office a chance to offer suggestions as to the proper disbursement of state funds. It also assures that in the future all money will be properly applied, besides showing how much it is costing the state to maintain the different companies. On an average each company of the guards receive about \$400 annually from the state.

## A Day of Grace.

Secretary of State Junkin has decided to grant a day of grace to the 4,000 or so corporations that omitted to pay their occupation tax on or before 4 p. m., November 30.

He will check over the entire list of delinquents, which will require a week or more and in the interim the bad boys may walk up and plunk down their little dimes and get a clear bill. But those who are unpaid by the time the secretary gets his lists checked up—well, the law is that they shall lose their franchises or charters for failure to come across by November 30.

Secretary Junkin thought inasmuch as it was a new law and probably galled a few fat necks, it would be wise to go slow in revoking charters, but he is going to start on that list soon.

## Governor on the Board.

Governor Shallenberger's friends are pleased to learn that he was elected to the board of directors of the American Shorthorn association at the Chicago meeting. This is the first instance in which Nebraska has been recognized by a membership, and it is expected that the shorthorn industry of the state will be benefited by the representation.

Last year an effort was made to have the animal show rotated between the states of Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska, thereby making it possible for Nebraska breeders to make a showing nearer home, at least once in three years. Nothing was done by the previous board in the direction of carrying out this request, but with representation on the new board, western interests will undoubtedly receive greater attention and it is hoped the plan can be carried out.

## Phone Must Be Installed.

Some time ago a complaint was lodged with the state railway commission in regard to the joint office of the Pacific and American Express companies at Norfolk. It was alleged that the two companies refused to install an independent telephone, greatly to the inconvenience and discomfort of patrons. The commissioners heard the evidence and although they could not figure out all the inconvenience complained of, under the law they held that all they could do was to order the installation of an independent telephone.

Accordingly it was ordered that the two companies get busy and install the service requested within twenty days. Twenty days have since gone by without any steps being taken to comply with the order, so the commissioners have instructed the county attorney to bring proceedings to enforce the law.

## Test of Telephone Act.

The county attorney of Madison county has been instructed to begin prosecution against the Adams and Pacific Express companies for refusing to comply with the orders of the railway commission instructing them to install an independent telephone in their office at Norfolk. The case is to test the law.

## Cut Down Printing Bill.

The State Normal board next year probably will print one big catalogue containing the course of study for the normal schools in place of a publication for each school. Next year the board expects to have four normal schools under its control and for that reason the printing bill will amount to considerable. By publishing a course of study for all of them the board expects to cut down its printing bill considerably and will work out the proposition in a way satisfactory to themselves.

## WORK OF EDUCATION.

Approval of Schools for Normal Training.

State Superintendent Bishop has made an announcement concerning the approval of high schools for normal training. The list includes a total of 110 schools, of which 103 are high schools and seven academies.

The normal training law was enacted by the legislature of 1907. During the school year 1907-8 sixty-eight schools were approved for normal training, with an enrollment of 1,200 pupils in the normal training classes. During the year 1908-9 eighty-six high schools and eight academies were approved, representing a combined enrollment of 1,600 pupils taking the course. For this school year the 110 schools approved for the work have enrolled in their normal training classes a total of 1,850 pupils.

In May, 1909, there were graduated from the normal training high schools 775 pupils, who had completed the regular high school course of study and the course in normal training. Reports show that of this number 575 of them are teaching this fall. County superintendents are enthusiastic over the good work these young teachers are doing in the school room.

## Insurance Agents Are Out.

The state insurance board handed out a ruling revoking the licenses of the ten agents of the Bankers' Life Insurance company of Lincoln.

The following is the form of the letter sent out to the agents under investigation by Auditor Barton, head of the insurance board:

"By the authority vested in me by the laws of the state of Nebraska, and as I fully believe that your conduct as an insurance agent and the methods used by you in procuring business is in violation of law and contrary to the rulings of the insurance department and against public policy, I hereby revoke your license No. — as agent of the Bankers' Life Insurance company of Lincoln, Neb., dated —, 1909."

While the action taken is sweeping, the twenty-eight affidavits introduced in evidence before the board contained many suggestions of irregularities that the agents excluded under the order for the most part did little to refute.

## Plane Issue of Stock.

The application of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad company for authority to issue \$30,502,800 worth of common stock has been granted by the Nebraska railway commission. The stock will be issued in the form of 305,928 shares of common stock of the par value of \$100 each. The stock is to be issued for the purpose of "constructing, improving and equipping its railway," otherwise the request filed with the commission contains no hint of how, when or in what one or more of the states the work is to be done.

## Historical Society Wants Money.

Notwithstanding the State Historical society gets an appropriation of \$15,000 biennially, it has its solicitors out asking for money. One was at the state house asking financial aid with which to print some report the society is to make and for which the solicitor said there was no money available to pay the bill.

## Requisition for Wife Deserter.

The governor's office issued requisition on the state of Iowa for the return to Nebraska of Albert Oliver. Oliver is charged with deserting his wife and minor child, now living in Lancaster county. He has been placed under arrest at Indianola, Ia.

## Motion in Dunn Case Filed.

I. J. Dunn, recently disbarred from the practice of law by the supreme court for conduct unbecoming an attorney, has filed another motion in the case. It is practically the same as was filed two weeks ago, in substance being that if the court will vacate its order disbaring him he will apologize to the court.

## Cupid Gets Normal Teachers.

Superintendent Thomas of the Kearney Normal school reported to the normal board that Mr. D. Cupid was playing havoc with his teaching force and he wanted an injunction issued or something done to head him off. A number have been lost and others have the fever.

## Civil Service Examinations.

The United States civil service commission announces the following examinations to be held at Lincoln and Omaha: January 25, stenographer and typewriter, all branches of the service; January 25, stenographer, departmental service; January 25, typewriter for men only.

## To Advertise Lincoln.

Lincoln business men are just now interested in a proposition to advertise the town as a place for investment. A man from the east was here and spoke at the Commercial club and suggested the way to boom the town is to advertise in some national newspaper or publication, spending at least \$1,000 a month.

## An Unfounded Report.

The story printed by an Omaha paper to the effect that W. J. Bryan and his brother, C. W. Bryan, have been asking Governor Shallenberger to call an extra session of the legislature in order to secure the passage of a resolution for the submission of the initiative and referendum constitutional amendment is not warranted. C. W. Bryan made a denial of the story when questioned in regard to the matter. "Neither W. J. Bryan nor myself has asked the governor to call a special session," he said.

## NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

## ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt is giving some lectures throughout the state, always to large audiences.

The last published reports of the three banks in West Point show combined deposits of a little over \$300,000.

The roads got so bad in Auburn that traffic was entirely suspended for a time.

The governor has called an election in the new county of Garden, which was cut off of Deuel county, and residents have begun to live up and will have a real county seat fight on soon.

Will McDougall, a former resident of Humboldt, and brother of Mrs. John Holman and Douglas McDougall of that place, was killed in a copper mine in Arizona.

Edward, the son of Mrs. Will A. White of Plattsmouth, died in Wilkesburg, Pa., from typhoid fever. The body was brought to Nebraska for burial.

Frank P. McEaves, while hunting near Beatrice, shot and killed a large possum. A number of these animals have been killed in that vicinity the last few weeks.

The lifeless body of Mrs. John Havelock was discovered in the barn of her home a few miles southeast of Rushville. She had apparently hanged herself in a fit of temporary insanity.

The bank of Fairmont will be open for business in a few days. This is a new institution and nearly all of the stockholders are well-to-do farmers living in that vicinity.

In district court at McCook, Minnie Brown was found guilty on two counts of illegal sale of liquor in her resort. This is the second conviction of this woman.

Varne Sands, a Fremont boy who was committed to the asylum at Lincoln for treatment for insanity, made an attempt to kill himself by throwing himself before a train.

Mrs. Mary Boltz, an old resident of Beatrice, celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday anniversary. She is a native of Germany and located in Gage county over thirty years ago.

Word was received in Lincoln that the American Shorthorn breeders' association, in session in Chicago had elected Governor Shallenberger a director of the association.

Carl Wilcox, son of Lewis Wilcox, who lives near Crab Orchard, met with a serious accident while riding a horse home from a country dance. The horse lost his footing and fell, with the rider under him.

Louis Munson of Maskell was before the district court at Ponca and pleaded guilty to the charge of bootlegging and was fined \$100 and costs. Judge Welch ordered the liquor which was in evidence destroyed.

Complaint was filed in county court at Beatrice by County Attorney F. O. McGirr, charging Fred T. Robinson, who shot his wife and inflicted wounds from which she died, with murder in the first degree.

The Sutton National bank was sold to Messrs. Adams and Millard of Lincoln. Mr. J. B. Dinsmore has operated this bank for many years, he being one of the pioneer business men of the place.

Although requisition papers were issued for the return of Albert Oliver to this state on a charge of wife desertion, after he had been located at Indianola, Ia., it now appears there will be no prosecution. The wife refuses to appear against her hubby.

An organization of Nemaha county farmers and Auburn business men has formed a company and purchased 2,000 acres of Carey act land, which has been thrown open for settlement near the new town of Burtner in the state of Utah.

Miss Margaret Collins, a well known school teacher of Cuming county, the daughter of former Superintendent William Collins, was examined by the insanity commissioner and found to be a fit subject for treatment at the hospital.

The government surveyors have finished the work of surveying for the proposed drainage project along the Nemaha river in Johnson county. It is said the surveyors found that the river snakes through the country a distance of nearly seventy miles, from the northwest to the southeast line.

At a banquet given by the Kearney Commercial club to its members exclusively, a strong bid for home support was made in an effective way, and the banqueters during the four hours spent at the heavily laden tables never for a moment lost sight of the central idea. Every article on the bill of fare, from salad to cigars, was grown or manufactured in Buffalo county.

The president of the Kearney Commercial club has appointed W. F. Smith, J. G. Lowe, Will J. Scott, C. W. Hoxie and W. L. Hand to represent the Commercial club on a committee of ten to look after the interests of Kearney in the matter of the proposed Dakota, Kansas and Gulf railroad, which is now being surveyed.

W. A. Wiese, of West Point, the 12-year-old son of Fred Wiese, has received from Secretary Mellor of the State Board of Agriculture a draft for \$30, being the first premium in the boys' acre corn growing contest for the season of 1909.