

FAVORS BILL TO OPEN LAND

Kinkaid Says Congress Should Pass Another Law.

NIORRARA MILITARY RESERVE.

Sixth District Representative Discusses Legal Aspects of Opening New Territory in Nebraska to Settlement—Precautions Against Sooners.

Washington, July 1.—There seems to be a divergence of opinion whether further legislation will be necessary to subject the lands in the Fort Niobrara military reservation to homestead entry. Representative Kinkaid said, in discussing this subject:

"I regard it as very important that legislation be had opening these lands to settlement, but even with an executive order from President Taft abandoning the reservation, I think nothing should be done until congress has an opportunity to act. I think that legislation is necessary in order to create free homes upon these lands originally set apart for military reservation purposes.

"Under the existing law the original reservation would be sold to homesteaders at an appraised value. Such acts as I have been instrumental in passing exempting the McPherson and Sheridan military lands from payment of the appraised value will also be proper in the case of the Fort Niobrara reservation.

"I called special attention to this feature of this case in a writing which was considered at the first cabinet meeting giving the question consideration. I pointed out that it was desired to make the better quality of the lands subject to entry under the old quarter section law and the more sandy lands subject to the one section law. I have asked that the opening of these lands to settlement be held in abeyance until congress can legislate. The secretary of the interior agrees with me on this point.

"Another reason for delaying the proposed opening is the existence of the lease to the Nebraska state university for an experimental station. This lease could at any time be suspended at the will of the secretary of war. I have advised with Judge Advocate General Crowell fully and satisfactorily on this phase of the subject and have also talked with the secretary of war. This lease will be preserved and the experimental station recognized by any legislation that may be passed in which I may have a hand.

"Another matter which should engage attention is to take precaution against 'sooners' and make stringent laws to prevent any effort to secure illegal advantages."

GEORGE GETS CASH IN OMAHA

Gees Home From Metropolis With Pockets Bulging With Money.

Lincoln, July 1.—State Treasurer George has returned from Omaha with his pockets bulging, as a result of a bond delivery made to Douglas county and from which he realized with the coupons in the neighborhood of \$178,000. In addition the state official received from the county treasurer collections for the state general fund amounting to \$35,000, making a total of about \$213,000, which will go into the state treasury from Douglas county.

O. A. Danielson of Center, who was recently appointed deputy state treasurer in place of E. S. Mickey, who resigned, assumed the duties of the office today.

DEMOCRATS PICK FREMONT

State Central Committee Holds Meeting at Columbus.

Columbus, Neb., July 1.—Fremont was chosen as the place for holding the Democratic state convention at the meeting of the state central committee in this city.

Lincoln, Hastings and Grand Island were also after the plum, but Fremont landed it without any difficulty. The representation will be on the same basis as last year, one delegate for each 150 votes cast for presidential electors in 1908. Chairman Byrnes, who is just able to leave a sick bed, presided over the meeting and Leo Matthews was secretary.

Say Shotwell Talks Too Much.

Lincoln, July 1.—That Secretary Franklin A. Shotwell of the Nebraska Progressive Republican league is just a little out of line with his associates in that organization was made plain at a meeting held here. While no action was taken formally repudiating the pledges made by Mr. Shotwell to President Taft while in Washington, speakers generally voiced the sentiment that Shotwell had talked too much and that he did not have the support of the organization he represents in his promises.

Runs Nude Through Street.

Broken Bow, Neb., July 1.—John Hannah, a farmer, who was brought to Broken Bow for a hearing as to his sanity, became entirely crazed while at one of the hotels here and ran into the street without any clothing on, screaming that someone was after him to murder him and his little girl. The hotel porter and others finally subdued him and Mr. Hannah was sent to the city jail for safekeeping.

YOUTH TAKES CLOUD TRIP

Ransom Jones of Treynor Caught in Guy Rope of Balloon.

Treynor, Ia., July 1.—The celebration at Treynor of the completion of a railroad to the town ended with a thrilling climax, in which Ransom Jones, eighteen years old, was given a balloon ride not on the program. With others, Jones was assisting the aeronaut to inflate his balloon. Owing to the wind the ascension was not made until dusk.

Three thousand people stood about and when the balloon soared away they were horrified to see a young man dangling at the end of one of the guy ropes. Young Jones began to climb the rope hand over hand and was about to grasp the release rope to the parachute, which would have resulted in the fall and death of both men. The aeronaut cried to the young man to ride her out and, pulling the release rope himself, dropped to the earth.

Jones rode her out—he couldn't do anything else. After a four-mile ride, at times out of sight in the gathering darkness, he came down with the balloon unhurt.

IS RUN OVER BY ENGINE

Neil Conroy Is Instantly Killed at Cedar Rapids.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., July 1.—The sixth violent death here this week occurred when Neil Conroy, a well known local character, was run over by a switch engine and instantly killed. It is said that Conroy had been drinking and fell on the track, where he was sleeping when the engine struck him.

ONLY ONE BID FOR AGAR PLANT

Collins' Offer of \$45,000 Held Up Temporarily.

Chicago, July 1.—Only one bid was made for the Agar packing plant property at Des Moines before Referee in Bankruptcy Sidney C. Eastman. This was \$45,000, submitted by Richard J. Collins, a packer of Chicago. The creditors of the company protested against the acceptance of this bid, claiming it was entirely too low considering the assets of the company and the value of the plant. Judge Eastman decided that in view of the fact that claims against the company amounted to \$54,000, creditors should be given a chance to secure a higher bid. If they are not successful in this within a reasonable time, the Collins bid will stand good.

POLICE SEEK FIREBUG

Torch Applied to Two More Buildings at Cedar Rapids.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., July 1.—The local police are searching for a firebug, who, it is alleged, has started several fires in the city during the last few days.

Two more fires, evidently of incendiary origin, were extinguished before much damage was done.

More than a half dozen fires have been started this week, the firebug confining his efforts to small buildings in the business district.

Iowa Man Shot at Somerville, N. J.

Somerville, N. J., July 1.—William Malloy, forty-five years old, who says his home is in Shell Rock, Ia., was brought to a hospital here in a supposedly dying condition from a bullet in his abdomen. He was shot as he fled from a house into which he had forced his way with apparently burglarious intent. Ray Anderson, whose house Malloy had entered, did the shooting.

CONDENSED NEWS

Crazed by heat, Mrs. McCrary killed her three children and ended her own life at Lockney, Tex.

Using a pick and crowbar to pry open the vault, robbers broke into the State bank of Byars, Okla., obtained \$4,000 and escaped.

Hirth, the German aviator, with a passenger, flew from Munich to Berlin, 345 miles, in five hours and forty-five minutes, winning a prize of \$12,500.

Dr. Abraham Jacob of New York was elected president of the American Medical association. Atlantic City was chosen for the 1912 convention.

The total reserve held by 7,277 national banks is \$1,478,140,795, an average of 22.10 per cent, and \$121,670,815 above the amount required to be held by law.

J. F. Trueman of Wheeling was killed and Edward Ward and Charles Irwin of Pittsburg were fatally hurt in an automobile accident near Bradock, Pa.

The express from Havre for Paris was derailed by train wreckers at Pont de L'Arche, near Louviers. All the cars turned over, but none of the passengers was seriously injured.

A man believed to be David Caplan, one of the alleged McNamara dynamite conspirators, is under surveillance in London. Papers are being prepared for his extradition from England to this country.

Expeditions action on the pending treaties with Honduras and Nicaragua providing for customs guarantees for foreign loans by those governments were urged by President Taft in a message to the senate.

PRIME OBJECT OF STEEL TRUST

Big Corporation Organized to Restrict Competition.

MUCH WATER IN THE STOCK.

Commissioner of Corporations Smith Says Capital of \$1,402,000,000 Represents Property Worth Only \$628,000,000—Controls Ore Properties.

Washington, July 1.—Restriction of competition is declared to have been the prime object of the organizers of the United States Steel corporation, which was capitalized at \$1,402,000,000 and had tangible property worth only \$628,000,000; the corporation having concentrated its efforts to secure ore properties, now owns 75 per cent of the lake ores, upon which the present steel industry is based. These are some of the conclusions reached in the long expected report of Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith on the steel industry.

Discussing in detail how "the impending struggle of the giants" was averted, almost over night, by the formation of the great combination of combinations, taking in 250 subsidiary companies, controlling 60 per cent of the total crude and finished steel production of the country, the report says: "Until 1898 the bulk of the business was distributed among a very considerable number of concerns. There was sharp competition, modified by frequent pools of greater or less duration and effectiveness."

First Era of Combinations.

Then came an era of great combinations, the report continues, with capitalizations ranging from \$30,000,000 to \$100,000,000, mergers of many small companies, which instead of eliminating competition, threatened to bring price cutting on a larger scale than ever before. In 1899-1900 there were three great companies, the Carnegie company, Federal Steel and National Steel, dominating the production of crude and semi-finished products, and six concerns, the American Steel and Wire, American Tin Plate, American Steel Hoop, American Sheet Steel, National Tube and American Bridge, controlling the lighter finished products.

This was the period when the "struggle of the giants" was impending and when the formation of the United States Steel corporation was conceived and brought about. All nine of the companies named were combined, and later the Union Steel company, the Clairton Steel company and, in 1907, the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company were taken over. The promoting syndicate putting the deal through netted \$62,500,000 in cash. During the ten years of its operation, the report says, the steel trust has paid average annual profits of 12 per cent on the money invested.

Independent Output Growing.

Since the corporation has been directing its efforts practically toward acquiring and extending complete control over ore properties, its percentage of production has decreased. As against 60 per cent of all crude and finished production in 1901, the report says, the corporation now has not much over 50 per cent, indicating conclusively the continuous presence of strong and increasing independent production.

However, the commissioner finds that competition, so far as prices are concerned, has been modified by the policy of "co-operation" inaugurated at the "Gary dinners," about which so much has been said before the congressional steel investigation committee.

Control of Ore Properties.

The report concludes as follows: "The dominating position in the ore industry enjoyed by the Steel corporation through this great ownership of ore reserves is heightened because of its very marked degree of control of the transportation of ore in the Lake Superior district. The corporation controls two of the most important ore railroads, the Duluth and Iron Range railroad and the Duluth, Missabe and Northern railway. The ore rates on these railroads are about 1 cent per ton-mile. Their operating expenses are very low, that of the Duluth, Missabe and Northern in 1910 being below 30 per cent of gross earnings as against an average of 66 per cent for all the railroads of the country. The net earnings of these ore railroads, which are chiefly from the ore traffic, are phenomenal. This has the practical effect of reducing the Steel corporation's net cost of ore to itself at upper lake ports and, on the other hand, of increasing that cost to such of its competitors as are dependent upon the corporation's railroads for transportation.

"Hence, not only on account of its great holdings of ore, but also on account of these peculiar advantages enjoyed in the transportation of the ore the Steel corporation occupies an extremely commanding position in the iron and steel industry. Indeed, insofar as the Steel corporation's position in the entire iron and steel industry is of monopolistic character it is chiefly through its control of ore holdings and the transportation of ore."

The report is the first of three parts of findings by the bureau of corporations in an exhaustive inquiry into the steel industry.

MORE LANDS FOR SETTLERS

Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Acres Available Oct. 2.

Washington, July 1.—Approximately 600,000 acres of land have been opened to settlers under the registration plan through a proclamation signed by President Taft, 150,000 acres being within the Fort Berthold Indian reservation of North Dakota and 450,000 in the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Indian reservations in South Dakota.

These lands are to be opened under the registration plan heretofore followed. The registration for the North Dakota lands will begin Aug. 14 at the towns of Bismarck, Minot, Plaza Garrison and Ryder, N. D.; and the registration for the South Dakota lands will begin Oct. 2 at the towns of Chamberlain, Dallas, Gregory and Rapid City, S. D. Each of these registrations will continue for three weeks.

PLEADS GUILTY TO HAVING TWO WIVES

Grand Island Man Bound Over to District Court at Hastings.

Hastings, Neb., July 1.—Walter S. Brunson, alias Alfred L. Young, night ticket agent of the Union Pacific and St. Joseph and Grand Island railroads in Grand Island, was bound over to the district court on his plea of guilty to the charge of bigamy in the marriage of Miss Jessie Riddle of this city on June 20. He was arrested in Grand Island and confessed immediately on his arrival here with Sheriff McCleery. His wife, Mrs. M. Iona Brunson, lives in Munroe, Mich.

Miss Jessie Riddle is the daughter of Dr. J. P. Riddle, a prominent physician here. She has been employed as a teacher in the schools at Wood River, and became acquainted with Brunson on her frequent week-end trips home, which necessitated her changing cars at the Grand Island station, where Brunson was employed. Brunson formerly lived at Fairbury.

French Editors Fight Duel.

Paris, July 1.—The polemics between the Matin and the Journal over the international aeroplane race, arranged by the latter, resulted in a dramatic sword duel between M. Charlet, managing editor of the Journal, and M. Jouvenal, editor in chief of the Matin. Each received a wound in the arm. The encounter was witnessed by a small army of journalists and photographers.

Trevino Candidate for President.

San Antonio, Tex., July 1.—The candidacy of General Geronimo Trevino for the presidency of Mexico has been formally launched through the establishment of a Mexican paper in San Antonio, El Constitucional. The candidate for vice president is Fernando Iglesias Calderon. The paper calls Francisco I. Madero a "traitor and a traitorist."

Snatched Flowers, but Wanted Purse.

Wichita, Kan., July 1.—For stealing a bouquet of flowers from a woman on the street in this city, Vincent McArting was given an indeterminate sentence of from one to twenty-one years in the penitentiary. McArting admitted that he intended to snatch the woman's pocketbook and that he got the bouquet by mistake.

Grain Dealers Meet.

Beatrice, Neb., July 1.—The members of the Kansas and Nebraska Grain Dealers' association held a well attended meeting here. Secretary Smiley of the organization explained to the members a number of the new laws concerning their business.

CONDENSED NEWS

Archbishop Dennis O'Connor of the Roman Catholic diocese of Toronto died of Bright's disease.

Edward Canfield has been arrested in Vancouver, B. C., charged with murder in Atkinson, N. D. Canfield will resist extradition.

More than 2,500 engineers of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad were granted an increase in wages amounting to about 6 per cent.

Because a girl who had typhoid three years ago was allowed to wash milk cans on her father's farm there is an epidemic of the fever in Englewood, Ill.

"McNamara stamps," bearing a portrait of J. J. McNamara, are to be issued by the Federation of Labor, to be sold at 1 cent each, the proceeds to go into the defense fund.

Festivities in connection with the coronation of King George, so far as London is concerned, ended with his majesty's treat at Crystal Palace to 100,000 of London's poorest children.

The death of Paul de Longpre at Los Angeles removes from the art field one of its most unique figures and one who was remarkably successful in a financial way in the painting of flowers.

Following announcement that the Catholic university at Washington will henceforth open its doors to women, it was stated that Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin have completed plans for a big co-educational college in Chicago.

That South Dakotans are entitled to 2½-cent passenger rate law, though a straight 2-cent law at this time would work a hardship on companies, is the finding of John H. Gates, special master in the case of the Northwestern railway against the state.

CONDITION OF COUNTRY SOUND

Dun's Review Makes Statement and Gives Reasons.

IRON AND STEEL TRADE BETTER

Steel Trade Beginning to Expand—Export Commerce Creating Big Surplus—Big Gold Output Continues and Money is Plentiful.

New York, July 1.—Dun's Weekly Review of Trade says: The best development of the business situation at the opening of the second half of the year is the marked improvement in the iron and steel trade, in which there is a decided increase in confidence and a considerable expansion in actual output.

In view of the important relations which this great trade bears to all the business interests of the country, both industrial and agricultural, this improvement is significant of a distinct change for the better all around.

The condition of the country can be described as sound when its steel trade is beginning to expand, when the export commerce is creating a big surplus in favor of the United States, when the big gold output continues, when money is plentiful, when industrial production is being held to the limits of the consumptive demand, when stocks of merchandise are low on the shelves, when economy, personal and corporate, has been long practiced, and when many of the business which have been perplexing busy men and retarding enterprise are past.

HINES UNDER CROSS-FIRE

He Denies Boasting That He Personally Put Lorimer Over.

Washington, July 1.—Edward Hines of Chicago was subjected to a rigid cross-examination by John H. Marble, attorney for the senate investigating committee.

Mr. Hines contradicted sworn testimony by President Herman H. Hettler of the Hettler Lumber company of Chicago, that Hines had boasted to him of having personally elected Lorimer. He denied that the lumber interests raised a big sum to lobby for tariff legislation in 1909 or that the lumber interests had anything to do with the Lorimer election.

Mr. Hines declared that he was "absolutely certain" he was not mistaken about his testimony that former Senator Aldrich stated to him the president was anxious to have Lorimer elected. Asked about a denial of this from the White House after his testimony at Springfield, Mr. Hines said that such a denial has never been "called to his attention."

The White House statement in question concluded as follows: "The statement by Mr. Hines that the president was anxious for and was urging the election of Mr. Lorimer is wholly unfounded."

James Cowgill May Recover.

Rochester, Minn., July 1.—The condition of James Cowgill, state treasurer of Missouri, who was operated upon, is favorable today, although he suffered considerably. It was stated that he would have to undergo another operation as soon as his condition will permit.

Cashier Adams Legally Dead.

St. Louis, July 1.—Phillip S. Adams, missing cashier of the Fulton (Mo.) bank, which failed in January, 1902, is legally dead, and the New York Life Insurance company must pay \$1,900 to his widow, according to a decision of the St. Louis court of appeals.

Stanley Dam Is Completed.

Denver, July 1.—The Stanley dam the largest of its kind in the world is completed.

When He Was Bad.

It has been said that you never know a man till you travel with him, and certainly traveling has a tendency to bring out all the depravity innate in human nature. Out of this test, however, Benjamin Disraeli emerged with flying colors. This is what was said of him by Mrs. Austen, who with her husband traveled with him when he was quite a young man, as related in Mr. Monypenny's biography: "Your brother," she says (the letter was addressed to Disraeli's sister, "is so easily pleased, so accommodating, so amusing and so actively kind that I shall always reflect upon the domestic part of our journey with the greatest pleasure. Your brother has behaved excellently, except when there is a button, or, rather, buttons, to be put on his shirt; then he is violently bad, and this happens almost daily."

Stage Steeds.

The steed is always a difficulty in staging "Don Quixote." At the Theatre de la Gaite, in Paris, the Rosinante in Massenet's opera grew so fat under the light work and good food that it was found necessary to "paint protruding ribs on his rotund sides every night."

Irving's difficulty in London was in the other direction. He had engaged a peculiarly decrepit animal, the property of a baker, for the part, but on the morning of the rehearsal he found that it had been taken by an "officer" of the S. P. C. A. to Bow street, where the magistrate ordered it to be killed.

HERBERT KNOX SMITH,
Whose Report Shows
Monopolies Held by
Steel Corporation.



EIGHT WORKMEN CRUSHED TO DEATH

Roof of New Water Station at Buffalo, N. Y., Collapses.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 1.—Five workmen were crushed to death and four others seriously injured in the collapse of the roof and other portions of the Buffalo water department's new pumping station. The dead were buried in a pit where they were working beneath hundreds of tons of steel, brick and mortar.

Most of the injured were at work on the roof, which was 300 feet long and 100 feet wide. About 200 feet of this suddenly fell in from some cause not yet determined.

One of the injured died in an ambulance and two died at hospitals, making with those supposed to have been killed in the wreckage, a total of eight dead.

RIOT IN MADRID

Sixty Persons Injured During Panic.

Which Followed Explosion of Bomb.

Madrid, July 1.—The government censor stopped all news dispatches filed with the telegraph companies which described disorders in connection with the eucharist procession.

It is estimated that sixty persons received more or less severe bruises in a street panic following the explosion of a bomb in Calle Bordadores, near the corner of Calle Mayor, at the moment that the parade was passing through the latter thoroughfare.

A RISING FINANCIER.

He Has the Right Idea and the Nerve if He Can Only Work Them.

The old man was perched upon a high stool, figuring up the day's sales of dry goods, groceries and hardware, when his son came in with a rush.

"Say, pop," exclaimed the young man, "if I can buy a \$300 horse for \$150, will you take a chattel mortgage on him and help me out with the cash?"

"What kind of a boss, my son?" inquired the father cautiously.

"Bay, four years old, sixteen hands high, weighs a thousand pounds and is sound in wind, limb and bottom."

"That sounds good to me, my son, and I want to do all I can to help you along in the world." And he reached down into the safe for his roll. "How much do you want?"

"A hundred and forty-nine fifty."

The old man gasped and caught hold of the desk.

"What?" he exclaimed.

"A hundred and forty-nine fifty. I've got half a dollar."

Slowly the old man shoved the roll back into the safe.

"My son," he said softly, "you are wasting time trading hosses. What you ought to do is to go into the loan and trust business."—W. J. Lampton in Lippincott's.

Two Fatal Mistakes.

Marie Antoinette, escaping from the Tulleries, turned to the right instead of to the left after passing the inner arch. She lost her way, lost time and by this means lost her own head and the head of Louis XIV. So the story of Carlyle runs.

Queen Draga of Serbia meant to leave Belgrade, but waited for a going away gown, being anxious that as a fugitive she should appear in becoming attire. It was a fatal delay.

An Inexpensive Amusement.

"Did you ever," said Beinda, "try standing cents on edge? It can be done if the cents are not worn. They can most easily be made to stand on blotting paper, but they will stand on a smooth, polished table. Try it some time when other amusements flag."—New York Sun.

Naturally, a girl feels flattered when told she looks well in anything, but a wife thinks such a compliment only a plot to get her to wear old clothes.