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NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Interesting Happenings Printed in Condensed Form.

TOLD IN A FEW WORDS.

News of All Kinds Gathered From Points in the State and So Reduced in Size That It Will Appeal to All Classes of Readers.

Scottsbluff has bought a combination fire-fighting truck.

Nebraska cattle are now barred in only one state, Montana.

Mrs. Martha Powell of Omaha has been elected president of the State Teachers' association.

A jury at Fairbury acquitted Roy Barnes of attempting to kill Ernest E. McLane, May 26, 1915.

Senator Phil Kohl of Wayne will be a candidate for re-election as president pro tem of the senate.

George Pickering Bemis, aged eighty years, twice mayor of Omaha, died at his home in Florence of old age.

In a runaway at Geneva, a three-month-old child of Victor Kavanda was thrown out of the buggy and killed.

After obtaining leases on farm lands totaling over 8,000 acres, drilling for oil has commenced near Table Rock.

Several candidates are out for secretary of the state banking board, a place held by E. Roysse for fifteen years.

E. E. Wiggins, who lives six miles south of Gothenburg, lost twenty-six stacks of small grain, barley and oats by an incendiary fire.

Two small children of John Patterson of South McCook were burned, one of them seriously, when a lamp overturned in their bed room.

With the burning of the old Duff grain elevator at Plattsmouth, went an old time institution. The building had done duty for forty years.

James H. Macomber, one of the prominent members of the Omaha bar, is dead, aged sixty-five. He was twice judge of the circuit court of northwestern Iowa.

Reports that the Fourth Nebraska regiment is coming home from the Mexican border in time for Christmas are denied by war department officials at Washington.

Comparing revolvers which were supposed to be "not loaded," Thomas Jeffrey shot and seriously wounded his brother, Fred, in a room at their boarding house at Omaha.

Thousands of evergreen trees are being dug up on the islands in the Platte river south of Fremont and shipped to Lincoln where they are used for landscape gardening.

Doris, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank VanLiew, living in South Beatrice, was burned to death when she attempted to put coals in the kitchen stove. Her clothing caught fire.

State Engineer George Johnson will retain his place under the new administration and Roy L. Cochran of North Platte will be made assistant in place of William Stechelberg, who will go on a farm in Stanton county.

Harry Forbes, companion in crime of "Shorty" Gray, who led the outbreak in the state prison in March, 1912, has applied to the state prison board for a reduction of his twenty-eight-year sentence to ten years.

Fearing the grilling he was to get in the effort to get him to confess his part in forgeries at Grand Island and Kearney, James Pence, prisoner in the Kearney jail, attempted to kill himself by eating powdered glass. He will recover.

The Nebraska law requiring railroads to transport live stock in shipment at an average rate of eight cents a mile an hour on main lines and fourteen cents an hour on branch lines, was declared unconstitutional by the state supreme court.

In an opinion handed down the supreme court upholds the validity of the supreme court commission act passed by the 1915 Legislature with one exception. The high court declares that it, and not the governor, has the appointing power.

The movement for the pledging of a sustaining fund having failed, the Hastings Young Men's Christian association was ordered closed by the directors. Efforts will be continued to raise in the fund in the hope of reopening the building Jan. 1.

Under the law passed by the last Legislature, establishing a budget system and making the governor chief budget officer, Governor Morehead sent a letter to each of the state department heads calling for an estimate of expenses for the coming biennium.

Lyle Fisher, a student of the McCook high school, fell from the wireless telegraph pole on top of the school building, twenty feet to the roof of the building, sustaining injuries which it is feared will result in his death. A guy rope gave away, letting him fall.

Although the casting of schedules for the various sports for the coming season was not completed at the annual meeting of the Missouri Valley conference, a football game between Missouri and Nebraska was agreed upon. The teams will clash at Lincoln, Nov. 10, 1917, for the first time in many years.

Albert Lemire was instantly killed and William Crethers had both bones of his right leg broken below the knee when a motor-driven grindstone in the Palace butcher shop at Holdrege flew to pieces.

The five-year street lighting contract with the Omaha Electric Light company was sustained at a special referendum election in Omaha by a vote of 11,954 to 8,788, a majority of 2,276 in favor of the contract.

The Oklahoma state board of agriculture lifted the quarantine placed recently on live stock from Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, upon assurances that the reported cattle maldy in those states was not hoof and mouth disease.

The Mitchell (Neb.) Community club has started a movement which will result in the establishing of a through highway up the North Platte valley, connecting the Lincoln highway at North Platte with the Yellowstone highway at Wendover, Wyo.

Leo Wing, said to be leader of the Omaha chapter of the On Yeeung Tong, a Chinese secret society, was arrested by police and federal detectives on advice of department of justice investigators at Chicago, in connection with an alleged plot to murder several Omaha Chinese.

Low Scott, the well known Wyoming sheepman, returned to Casper with the announcement that his lambs had broken all records at the South Omaha stock yards. He sold nearly 1,000 head of range lambs at 11 cents per pound without a cut back. This price has never been equaled in the history of that market.

Injuries received in an automobile accident near Lindsay caused the death of Hugh Jehu, salesman, of Omaha. He was on his way from Lindsay to Newman Grove when his machine collided with the mail wagon driven by William Winkler. The car and wagon were demolished and both men were hurt.

Co-operative buying in wholesale quantities is to be tried out by the Central Park Congregational church brotherhood of Omaha as a means to cut down the high cost of living. Not only members of the church, but neighbors in the community in north-west Omaha will be permitted to enjoy the benefit of the scheme.

In order that the people of Nebraska may be sure that the state went dry at the last election, Governor Morehead has issued a proclamation in which he assures the people that such is the case. He also assures the people that the pure food amendment did not receive the required three-fifths vote in its favor and is therefore lost.

No telephone poles will be stuck up in representative hall to keep the roof from falling down on the legislators this winter, as proposed when the matter of strengthening the wall of the east wing was considered. Instead it has been arranged to lengthen the big timbers by grafting on additional timbers sufficient to reach the ceiling and the roof above.

Large quantities of foodstuffs have been withdrawn from Nebraska cold storage warehouses and shipped east within the last two months. There has been a notable reduction in the stored-up supply of meat, eggs, poultry and miscellaneous meats. Oct. 1 there were in Nebraska warehouses 6,753,981 pounds of cured meats. Nov. 25 this amount had been reduced to 2,884,100 pounds.

After robbing the Winslow State bank of \$6,550, riding forty miles north in a stolen automobile and disarming Marshal Clinton Huffman of Winnebago, when he attempted their arrest, two bandits were captured in the woods east of Winnebago by Sheriff Pat Dorsey of Thurston county and a posse of citizens. The robbers were identified as Louis Assman and Thomas Colcord of Omaha.

A call was extended by the members of the Plymouth Congregational church of Lincoln, Neb., to Rev. W. W. Bolt, pastor of the College Hill Congregational church of Wichita. It is not definitely known whether Dr. Bolt will accept, but the committee which talked over the matter with him at Wichita, and when he was in Lincoln recently, believes he will accept. The call included a proffer of \$2,500 a year salary.

The beautiful new Catholic church at Aurora was dedicated by Bishop J. Henry Tihen of Lincoln, in the presence of 1,000 people. He thanked both Catholics and non-Catholics for their generosity in building the church, declaring it shall be used in teaching practical and useful Christianity. The new church cost \$18,000 and takes the place of the wooden structure which burned several months ago. Father Edgard Hagan is in charge.

"General" Philip H. Gammel, convicted on a statutory charge against his fifteen-year-old foster daughter by a jury in district court at Fremont, was sentenced to serve twelve years in the penitentiary by Judge Burton. "I am innocent of the crime charged against me," Gammel said to the court. Will Henry, sentenced to a life term in the penitentiary for killing John White of Scribner last summer, Gammel was taken to the penitentiary to begin his sentence.

There is still \$46,785.78 due the state on the old insane accounts, according to a statement prepared by State Auditor Smith. At the time for Mr. State Auditor Howard first made the attempt to collect these claims some of the counties made objection and went into the courts to keep the state from collecting. The case was put up to a special referee, J. H. Broady of Lincoln, and he reported in favor of the state. Gase and Stanton are now withholding payments and disputing the claim.

METEORIC CAREER OF GEN. NIVELLE

His Rise Breaks Tradition of the French Army.

ENTERED WAR AS COLONEL

Today He is Field Commander of French Armies in France and Successor, in Active Warfare, to Joffre, Idol of Nation—Is One of Youngest Generals.

General Nivelle, new field commander of the armies in France, is the personification of the famous French phrase, "a hand of steel in a velvet glove."

Nivelle has had a most remarkable career during the past two and a half years of war. When the great conflict broke out he was an obscure colonel; today he is the successor of Joffre, idol of the French, as field commander of their mighty army. Joffre still remains commander in chief.

One of the Youngest Generals.—Nivelle is one of the youngest generals. He is fifty-eight years old, having been born Oct. 15, 1858, at Tulle, in the department of Correze. He selected the artillery arm of the service and has always been an exponent of inexhaustible shell supply and innumerable big guns.

The name of Nivelle was first heard by the public during the German crown prince's Verdun offensive. He went to the Meuse last April, commanding the Third army corps, and a month later succeeded General Petain, commanding the Verdun army. By his masterful genius he saved the fortress, then in two recent bounds retook Douaumont and Vaux, undoing the Germans' work of eight months.

When the war began Nivelle was colonel of the Fifth field artillery regiment, stationed at Besancon. Being ordered to Alsace in the French drive against Thann and Mulhausen, he earned the distinction of destroying an entire German artillery battery, thus permitting the temporary capture of Thann.

During the Marne-Oureq battle he commanded the Seventh army corps artillery under General Manoury.

Checked Germans at Soissons.—Promoted to be a general in October, 1914, he scored a decisive check against the Germans when they launched the Soissons offensive in January, 1915, in a desperate thrust at Paris. A month later, Feb. 19, he recaptured the Queeneviers plateau, east of Soissons, thereby relieving that sector and forcing a part of the German line to fall back across the Aisne.

Nivelle studied at St. Cyr and also at the polytechnic school in Fontainebleau and Saumur, besides the war college. After the Indo-China campaign he undertook a mission to the emperor of Korea. Afterward he served in the French colonial campaigns, notably in Algeria.

A sturdy, scrubbed type of Frenchman, with plentiful hair, closely cropped mustache, hard, calculating eyes and a viselike mouth and chin, Nivelle is loved alike by officers and soldiers and credited with having instilled a wonderful spirit into the army of Verdun, which is said to have a higher morale than even Napoleon's Old Guard.

A comrade of Nivelle named Nordman recounts how all the officers and soldiers ducked Mauser bullets at the beginning of the war, but Nivelle remained impassive.

"What is the use of trying to dodge bullets?" Nivelle explained.

"One of War's Revelations."—On another occasion Nivelle was heard earnestly trying to imitate the whistle of the machine gun bullets spraying about him as he advanced with his troops.

All the French papers call General Nivelle "one of the war's revelations," and long biographies are published. Some papers think the fact that Nivelle is half English, his mother having belonged to a well known Kentish military family, makes his appointment particularly acceptable across the channel.

A decree issued recently in Paris directs that the commanders in chief of the Armies of the North and North-east and of the Army of the Orient shall exercise command in conformity with the decrees of Oct. 28, 1913, and Dec. 2, 1913, which made the commanders responsible directly to the minister of war. The effect of this decree is to make both General Nivelle, commander on the western front, and General Sarrail, commander of the entente forces in Macedonia, responsible directly to the war minister and independent of the commander in chief.

U BOAT 55 DAYS AT SEA.

In That Time Submarine Did Not Enter Any Port.

A record achievement is chronicled of a German submarine which has returned to its base after fifty-five days at sea without entering harbor or receiving outside assistance of any form. The weather generally was bad.

This is by far the longest submarine trip on record. The merchant submarine Deutschland generally makes a transatlantic trip in from seventeen to twenty-three days.

CHARGING INTO MACHINE GUNS

An American Describes French Bayonet Charge.

HEROISM OF RED CROSS MEN

Ambulance Workers Fearlessly Go Into Sheet of Fire and Steel to Pick Up Wounded—Terrific Slaughter Wrought by Machine Guns, Which Appear to Be Everywhere.

Harry Collins of Lowell, Mass., now a member of the Tenth company, First regiment of the Foreign Legion of the French army, writing of an incident of the Somme fighting at Sauterre, says:

"Midnight was not far away, but no one was sleeping, for the continual roar of heavy artillery, which caused the ground under our feet to quiver like a huge monster in the throes of death, and the countless thousands of scorching war rockets with their ghastly greenish glare smartly whipped by a whisk little breeze from the north told us that the moment of the attack was near at hand.

The Bayonet Charge.—"Suddenly there seemed to be a halt in the firing, and feverishly grasping our rifles, we got ready to execute the order which arrived almost immediately:

"En avant a la baionnette!" "Our bayonets were already fixed to our rifles, and an instant later we were out of our trenches and up on the level ground, while around us little invisible messengers of death of all descriptions flew swiftly by with a curious whistling sound that was muffled in the darkness of the night.

"The war rockets and bursting shells revealed our presence to the watching foe, however, and his firing became more and more galling as we stumbled heavily along over a plowed field striving to reach him.

"Although our artillery had carefully prepared the ground for us, many Germans had managed to escape the deluge of fire and steel, and as they came crawling out of their hiding places like so many gigantic beetles it seemed to us that almost every one of them had a machine gun, for their monotonous 'tick-tick' constantly increased in intensity.

Holes Torn In Ranks.—"Great gaping holes were torn in our ranks as we pressed forward. At this moment the American ambulance field service, which is connected with the American Red Cross, entered into action and showed what American grit and courage are capable of.

"Entering boldly right into the midst of this swirling sheet of fire and steel, the young American chauffeurs of these ambulances carefully and tenderly picked up the wounded men and placed them in their ambulances. They continued this hazardous work until their ambulances were filled; then, climbing upon their seats, they slowly drove away as nonchalantly as if they were taking a little pleasure spin.

"This is only one of the thousands of ways that the American Red Cross is aiding the cause of humanity and civilization, for it not only rescues the wounded on the field of battle, but it takes care of them in the hospitals. It also feeds, clothes and lodges their unfortunate wives and children when these innocent victims of the war are in distress because their husbands or fathers are miles away nobly doing their duty as citizens of France."

WILL AID RECRUITING.

Postmasters to Help Swell Membership of Marine Corps.

Postmasters are to lend assistance to the United States marines in the securing of recruits and will be paid \$5 for each accepted applicant, according to an official announcement made at Washington by the major general commandant of that organization.

Hereafter the military looking youth who appears at the postoffice may fall to be attracted by the gaily colored poster depicting the life of a marine, but he can scarcely escape the appraising eye of the postmaster or the latter's query, "Say, young fellow, why don't you join the marines?"

Doubtless the young man with military inclinations will bring little apprehensive shivers to his sweetheart when she suspects his frequent conversations with the postmaster are relative to the arrival and departure of "males."

DEMAND FOR 2½ CENT COIN.

Director of Mint in Annual Report Recommends Their Coinage.

A two and a half cent piece is demanded by the country, according to the director of the mint, whose annual report, made public recently, recommends passage of a law authorizing coins of that denomination from copper and nickel.

"When you consider that we have no coin between the one cent piece and the five cent piece and that many an article worth more than a cent and less than 5 cents sells for the latter price because of the lack of an intermediate monetary unit of value," says the director, "the economic importance of it will be readily seen."