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IMPORTANT NEWS NOTES OF A WEEK

LATEST HAPPENINGS THE WORLD
OVER TOLD IN ITEMIZED
FORM.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

Condensed into a Few Lines for the
Perusal of the Busy Man—
Latest Personal Infor-
mation.

Washington

The charge that \$2,500 was offered State Senator McCormick for his vote for William Lorimer was repeated before the senate investigating committee at Washington by Albert J. Hopkins, who was defeated for re-election to the upper house of congress when Lorimer was chosen.

Congress will be asked for \$10,000 for the proper entertainment by the United States of Admiral Togo, the famous Japanese naval officer, who will visit this country immediately after the coronation festivities in London.

George W. Hinman, editor of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, and ex-Governor Richard Yates, testifying before the senate investigating committee, made complete denials of the use of money in the Lorimer election. Mr. Hinman, however, testified that he believed a "jackpot" existed in the legislature that elected Lorimer, as it had in preceding legislatures, but that it was used for and against general legislation and had nothing to do with the election of Lorimer.

Inquiry into the relationship between the Mormon church and the American Sugar Refining company began before the house committee of inquiry into the sugar trust at Washington, disclosed that Henry O. Havemeyer's first dealings in the beet sugar industry were with the Utah Sugar company, in which the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was interested.

The United States senate finance committee reported adversely on the wool bill by a vote of 9 to 4, and on the farmers free list bill by a vote of 8 to 5. When these reports were presented to the senate every chance of an agreement for a vote on the reciprocity bill to be followed by early adjournment of the extra session vanished.

The house of representatives refused to accept the bill for direct election of United States senators in the form in which it passed the senate, and by a vote of 172 to 112 sent the measure to committee. The Hristow amendment was the only change made by the senate, and it was because of refusal to accept this amendment that the house voted for conference.

In a special message to congress, President Taft scathingly arraigned the manufacturers of what he denounced as "dangerous drug frauds" and urged congress to amend at this session the pure food and drug law to strengthen that act in vital points of weakness recently pointed out by decisions of the United States Supreme court.

Domestic

The committee on labor of the Connecticut general assembly will report favorably a bill to make it unlawful to employ any person for seven days a week. The bill exempts farm laborers and domestic employees.

Lacking two votes of the necessary 77, the Deane-Johnson waterway waterpower bill was defeated in the lower house of the Illinois legislature. The vote was 75 to 51, two short of a constitutional majority. The taking of the vote on the bill was attended by exciting scenes.

The grand lodge of Masons of Illinois and about 10,000 members of the order dedicated a new Masonic Orphan's home at La Grange, near Chicago.

Beautiful, accomplished, and only twenty-four years of age, Mrs. Dell Lorenza Neel Spaete, playwright and author, is a rising lumina in a sanitarium near Boston on account of the financial misdeeds of Oscar F. Spaete, her husband, which drove him to suicide in a jail cell in Detroit, Mich.

The Kansas apple crop this year will be only one-third the normal, while the peach crop will be only ten per cent of the usual one. This is the report of Walter Wellhouse, secretary of the State Horticultural society.

A three day festival of the Turnverden of the central states opened at Kansas City, Mo., with a smoker. Representatives of societies from Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Nebraska, Iowa and Colorado will take part in the athletic contests and drills.

Fifty Hutchinson (Kan.) women began the digging of the excavation for the South Hutchinson Methodist church. They raised money enough to pay for the actual construction work, but not enough to pay laborers to dig the basement.

Fourteen persons identified with the lumber industry or so-called secretaries' associations, commonly characterized as "the trust," were indicted by the special federal grand jury at Chicago, which made its returns before Judge Landis in the United States district court. They are charged with violating the criminal provisions of the Sherman anti-trust act.

The American Academy of Medicine, specializing in medical sociology, began its annual meeting in Los Angeles.

An amateur won the grand American handicap shoot at Columbus, Ohio. The lucky marksman is Harvey Dixon of Oregon, Mo., who stood at twenty yards. He made one miss in a hundred shots.

A north-bound Illinois Central passenger train was held up by three masked men on the outskirts of Memphis, Tenn., and the mail clerks forced to surrender a registered mail pouch.

Representative Lee O'Neil Browne of the Illinois legislature assaulted E. O. Phillips, correspondent for the Chicago Tribune, punching him unconscious for over half an hour. The attack was made in the private room of Speaker Adkins and the speaker, Lyman E. Cooley and a half dozen others were witnesses.

President Taft, addressing the members of the New York State Bankers' association, at a banquet given by them in his honor at Manhattan Beach, made an extended argument for a central bank and gave his indorsement to the National Reserve association plan proposed by ex-Senator Aldrich, chairman of the monetary commission.

The world's record is believed to have been broken at Gulfport, Miss., by Mrs. Pifario's fifth set of twins in eight years. Her husband weighs only ninety pounds. All the children are living.

Mrs. Wadsworth, who was Mary Manning, the actress, but who recently divorced James K. Hackett and was married to a Detroit millionaire, few ten miles with Aviator Frank Coffin in a Wright aeroplane at Detroit, Mich.

The largest wicker chair ever made was shipped from Newburgh, N. Y., to the White House at Washington. It was built at the order of President Taft and is large enough to accommodate two ordinary men.

Speaking at the Yale alumni luncheon at New Haven, Conn., President Taft declared that the decisions of the United States Supreme court in the Standard Oil and American Tobacco cases have pointed a clear road over which the honest business man may travel in safety.

Search is being made by his friends in Boston and New York for Christian Sandborg, a noted Danish engineer who has been missing since early in June. He started from New York for Boston June 5.

Rev. Frank T. Luce, pastor of a Dorchester (Mass.) Congregational church, has filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in which he admits owing \$20,458 and schedules assets of \$850.59, all in unliquidated claims.

Personal

Mrs. J. W. Pinchot of Washington, mother of Gifford Pinchot, is recovering from an operation for appendicitis, performed at the home of her son, Amos, in New York.

Minnie Ashley, wife of William Astor Chanler, for a long time one of the best known of the American vocal artists, will soon return to the stage.

Former Senator Henry Gassaway Davis of West Virginia has announced the engagement of his granddaughter, Katherine Brown, to Lieut. Chester P. Barnett, Fifteenth cavalry, U. S. A.

F. O. Melcher of Chicago, vice-president of the Rock Island, and his twelve-year-old daughter were slightly hurt and Mrs. Melcher was seriously but not fatally injured by the derailment of Mr. Melcher's special car near MacFarland, Kan.

Foreign

King George and Queen Mary reviewed a great parade of warships of England and other countries at Spithead.

Emperor William was entertained at luncheon on board the American battleship Louisiana by Admiral Badger, commanding the second division of the Atlantic fleet.

A thief seized a handbag from Mrs. Mary Scott Lord Harrison, widow of Benjamin Harrison, at Venice, Italy. She screamed and the thief was arrested.

The strike of seamen, which has seriously inconvenienced many of the shipping lines, particularly at the English ports, was ended when the employes of the White Star line accepted the terms of the company and returned to work.

Ferdinand Edmond Duez, receiver for the dissolved French religious congregations, was convicted by a jury in Paris of embezzling \$1,200,000, and was sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment at hard labor.

FORM ORGANIZATION

TO PROMOTE TEACHING OF
SPEECH TO THE DEAF.

NEWS FROM OVER THE STATE

What is Going on Here and There
That is of Interest to the Road-
ers Throughout Nebraska
and Vicinity.

An association of Nebraska parents of deaf or partly deaf offspring has been formed to promote the teaching of speech that unfortunate children may learn to talk and understand by reading the lips of others and thus be better able to take a part in the activities of life.

The plan of education contemplated by the law passed by the late legislature has proven successful in various other states when given proper conditions and a thorough trial, and the Nebraska system had ought to prove no exception.

It is desired by the association to enroll among its members all parents or guardians of deaf children in the state and to get into communication with parents or guardians of children not of school age, that assistance may be rendered them in helping their children in lip reading before entering school, and if desired in employing special teachers.

Any of the following officers of the association will be glad to give desired information: E. J. Babcock, president, North Loup; Mrs. A. N. Dafeo, secretary, Tecumseh; Major C. F. Scharman, Omaha; Superintendent J. F. McLane, Florence, and Al. N. Dafeo, Tecumseh, members of the executive committee.

Electric Shock Causes Death.
Humboldt.—Mrs. Fred A. Fisher, for many years a resident of this place, dropped dead while washing dishes at her home. Indications pointed to the cause as an electric shock. The deceased was known to be especially sensitive to the effects of electricity and in turning hot water from a faucet which was near a grounded wire her hand came in contact with a current strong enough to cause death from fright and shock.

Nebraska Ranchman Lynched.
Valentine, Neb.—Charles Sellers, a ranchman, was lynched at the ranch of Jock Hutch, seventy-five miles southwest of here, by A. F. Heath, Kenneth Murphy and two Weed brothers, all small ranchers. The four men gave themselves up at Cody, Neb., and ramed the streets all day awaiting the arrival of the sheriff.

Louisville Votes Bonds.
Louisville.—This city, at a special election, voted to issue bonds to the amount of \$16,000 for the erection of a municipally owned water works system.

Reports over the state are for a bumper wheat crop.

Flag day was generally celebrated throughout the state.

The Geneva junior normal began the third week with eighty students enrolled.

Grand Island was selected as the place for the next state meeting of the Eagles.

Grading on the Kearney and Black Hills railroad is progressing from Cal-laway west.

The state holiness camp meeting is in session at Epworth Lake park at Lincoln.

The next meeting of the Nebraska State Health association will be held at Hastings.

The summer meeting of Lancaster county territorial pioneers will be held at Hickman August 12.

Civil service examinations will be held July 15 for rural carriers at Raymond, Roca, and Rulo, Neb.

Melvin Griffin, a carpenter of Rusk, while swimming in the Little Blue river near Oak, was drowned.

The city council of York estimates that it will take \$26,000 to pay the expenses of York for the next fiscal year.

Douglas county will carry the banner for the largest attendance at the annual convention of the Nebraska State Sunday School association for the ensuing year.

Wayne Moore died in the Clarkson hospital at Omaha as a result of injuries received when his big touring car turned completely over one mile west of Waterloo.

They are catching fifteen-pound catfish up around Scottsbluff.

Dr. Roy Alexander of Bristow, Neb., was found dead in the hay loft.

Eighteen marriage licenses were issued in one day recently by the Lancaster county clerk.

Cedar Bluffs is in the midst of a Sunday baseball fight between the law and order league and the baseball club.

The Centenary M. E. church at Beatrice will ask the general conference of that body to return Rev. Brown to that pastorate.

Dr. J. H. Thompson at Albion was caught under his auto when it skidded off a bridge, and is nursing several broken bones.

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Many farmers in Gage county have begun harvesting their wheat crop, which is yielding much better than they anticipated.

"Fainting Bertha" Liebbke is causing no end of trouble for Warden James Delahunty of the state penitentiary and his aids.

Hastings will soon have the first paid commercial club secretary in the state who gives all his time to the work of the club.

Dr. W. H. Wilson of Lincoln was elected president of the Nebraska State Health association at its session just closed at Omaha.

John W. Holt, a prominent citizen of Falls City, was overcome by heat while harvesting and died before assistance could be gotten.

Omaha is being considered by Postmaster General Hitchcock as a possible place for the location of the rail way mail division headquarters.

The Dempster Manufacturing company at Beatrice celebrated its twenty fifth anniversary Saturday. One of the features was a parade over a mile in length.

Miss Selma Welch of Plymouth is ill with blood poisoning caused from vaccination, the flowers and decorations in a military store in which she is employed being directly responsible.

Overcome with gas while installing a gas stove, John Vandekimborg, a Lincoln plumber, owes his life to Cliff McKim, who happened into the room and dragged the stove man to air and safety.

The projected auditorium for West Point which has hung fire for some years has at last reached the stage where it is an assured fact. The soliciting committee in a few days secured \$13,000 of the \$15,000 needed to finance the scheme.

STATE CAPITAL LINCOLN CITY

The state board of public lands and buildings have awarded a contract for the construction of a hospital building at the state home for soldiers at Grand Island.

Professor H. W. Caldwell, head of the department of American history at the state university, has left with his family for a year in Europe. It is his first extended vacation since 1880.

State Superintendent J. W. Crabtree will conduct an excursion to the N. E. A. at San Francisco, July 8-12, leaving Lincoln on the evening of July 4. Chancellor Avery of Nebraska university will appear on the N. E. A. program.

The state board of public lands and buildings have returned to Lincoln from Curtis, where the member accepted a plat of 463 acres for the agricultural school. They also fixed on the location of the building.

The board decided to accept the proposition of a private concern to furnish light and power to the industrial home for 5 cents per kilowatt. The board believes that this is cheaper than to run the plant now installed at the home.

The Nebraska State Furniture Dealers' association has been disbanded. President W. G. White calling the last session together at Lincoln. The disbandment is the result of too few members taking an active interest in it and the greater influence and scope of the state federation of retailers which takes in all lines of mercantile activity.

Convicts in the penitentiary have begun to beseege the governor with applications for pardon and parole under the new law which goes into effect July 7. All such requests will be turned over to the new advisory board of parole and pardons when it comes into existence.

Professor Fred Rasmussen, head of the department of dairying in the New Hampshire agricultural college has accepted the position of head of the dairy department of the University of Nebraska.

Secretary W. R. Mellor of the state board of agriculture has returned from Des Moines, where he conferred with the agent of the Wright Bros. in regard to flying machines for use at the Nebraska state fair in September. Mr. Mellor made a contract with the Wrights for two machines and two aviators during the fair.

P. J. Harrison, registrar of the state university since 1907, has tendered his resignation, to be effective November 1, or before at the pleasure of the board.

ROOT'S AMENDMENT

WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE DEFEATED IN THE SENATE.

INSURGENTS WILL COME OUT

Sparring for Proper Sort of Opening
and Look to La Follette as
Leader.

Washington.—The Root amendment to the wool pulp and paper schedule of the Canadian reciprocity bill, which the administration has been fighting as fatal to the agreement, undoubtedly will be defeated before the senate adjourns.

The wool tariff and the free list bills as the house passed them do not exactly meet the approval of the democratic force in the senate nor that of the republican insurgents, but they form the basis for the fight that is to bring Canadian reciprocity and the whole tariff question into the open for a protracted debate.

The extent to which the insurgent republican senators will be inclined to go is expected to be made clear during the tariff discussion this week. So far only indefinitely outlining their course they have indicated that they favor all the valuable tariff reductions that they can squeeze out of the situation.

Some of them have asserted their readiness to put on to the reciprocity bill any amendments they think susceptible of successfully threading the executive and legislative channels, even in the face of the president's veto threat.

There is a decided lack of democratic support, however, for the proposals that the insurgents have hinted at. Senator Bailey will fight for an amending of the Canadian agreement to exempt from free trade the products of the farm, but while he will have some democratic and much insurgent support for this plan, it is not expected to prevail.

Senator La Follette is working on general amendments that will offer to the reciprocity measure and to the wool and free list bills. He is determined to lead a hard fight for a general plan of revision of the more important schedules on the tariff law.

His action and his amendments and arguments are being awaited by many of the insurgents who do not care to open up a fight until they have had the opportunity of seeing what he proposes and the effect his arguments have. Meantime they are preparing for the fight which promises to be confined principally to insurgents and a few democrats.

The direct election of senators will come up again early in the week. The house has voted down the Bristow amendment, attached to the bill in the senate, and has asked for a conference on the measure. The conference committee of the two houses is expected to be named within a day or two.

The senate will also receive the territory bill, passed by the house early in the week. The territories committee approved the bill as passed by the house, admitting Arizona and New Mexico without the approval of their constitutions.

Awaiting a clearing up of the political situation in the senate and more definite knowledge as to whether tariff legislation which the lower branch may originate will have any chance of passage by the senate, the house this week practically will mark time.

THE MAINE EXPLOSION.

Secret of Destruction of Ship Will Never Be Known.

Tampa, Fla.—"The secret of the destruction of the battleship Maine will never be known," said General W. H. Bixby, chief of engineers in charge of the work of raising the Maine, upon his arrival here from Havana. The destruction of the vessel was such, says General Bixby, and the deterioration has been so great that it will be impossible to tell whether the ship was blown up from a force within or without. The greatest force, however, was from the inside, indicating that the forward magazine had exploded. Whether this was from a sympathetic explosion caused by a torpedo from the outside may forever remain a mystery.

Cholera Suspect on Ship.

New York.—The steamer Hamburg, from Genoa and Naples, which arrived here, was detained at quarantine for observation. She reported the death at sea, six days ago, of a 5-year-old boy from an ailment symptomatic, the health officers say, of cholera.

Hotel Partly Wrecked.

Estes Park, Colo.—The Stanley hotel, built at a cost of \$500,000, was partially destroyed by an explosion of gas. Eight persons were injured, one seriously.

Wife Gets Big Estate.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The 7-year-old wife of unknown parents gets the bulk of the big estate left by William C. Hess, a retired farmer of Charter Oak, Ia., according to a decision of the court settling the contest brought by Hess' son.

A CRAZY TOWERMAN MIXES TRAIN SIGNALS

SHOWS RED LIGHTS FOR WHITE, STOPS TWO TRAINS AND SCARES PASSENGERS.

Philadelphia.—For two hours the other day trains of the Baltimore Central, the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and the West Chester branches of the Pennsylvania railroad were at the mercy of an insane tower operator at the junction of these three lines at Wawa. Suddenly losing his reason while manipulating signal lights, William Hurlinger, the tower man, all but sent half a dozen trains crashing into one another in the darkness, and finally flagged two Washington trains.

Shortly after one o'clock one train was brought to a full stop. While the crew were waiting impatiently for explanation another train of the same division came snorting to a stop from the opposite direction. Then Hurlinger appeared on the tracks. He was not seen until he sprang into the glare of the first train's headlight. He is twenty-five years of age and of powerful physique.

"It's a hold-up," ran like an electric current through both trains. Some of the passengers began transferring valuables into places of possible safety as every now and then a shadowy form could be seen springing through the parallel shafts of light toward one of the flagged trains.

The engineers were not alive to the fact that they had a maniac to deal with until Hurlinger showed his face. The features distorted and the mouth working insanely through the window of the locomotive of the first train. Bringing all their cunning to bear on the situation they gradually talked him into a state of semi-pacification, and then sprang on him.

At the grip of fingers about his throat Hurlinger collapsed. It was thought that his reason had returned, but once in his home at West Chester, to which he returned obediently and in a sort of stupor, he again became frenzied. Brandishing a loaded revolver, he drove his wife and father and mother, who had been awakened by his unexpected return, into the street in their night clothes. He was removed to an institution for the insane.

Got Away With Collection.

Colored Deacon Passes the Hat at a Revival and Skips Out With the Coin.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—While "Sin Killer" Griffiths, a revivalist, was at the height of his plea for sinners to come to the mourners' bench the other night at a negro "protracted meeting," a deacon from a rival church, who had been graciously acting as usher, proposed that a collection be taken. "Amen!" chorused half a hundred brethren and sisters. "Glory, hal-le-lu-yah!" shouted Buddah Griffith. "The time am come for

such proceedings. Pass along the basket." The deacon took up the collection and dashed out the door. There were cries of consternation and then threats of violence. The meeting broke up when more than 100 negroes started in pursuit of the fleeing brother. They chased him ten blocks, but he dashed into an alley and escaped with his loot.

THE LAZIEST MAN IS FOUND AT LAST

FOR TWELVE WHOLE YEARS THIS WEARY MAN HAS STAYED IN HIS BED.

IS AN INMATE OF POORHOUSE

With an Appetite That Would Shame a Goat John Muncia Spends His Existence in Bed—Laughs at Any Suggestion of Work.

Jerseyville, Ill.—John Muncia is the laziest man on earth. Furthermore he is proud of his somewhat degrading distinction. For the last 12 years he has lain on his bed in the Jersey county poorhouse, eight miles from Jerseyville, and replied to every command that he arise and work with peals of weird laughter. Physicians have examined him time and time again and they declare that he is free from any infirmity that would incapacitate him from active work.

Now an old man probably seventy-one years of age he admits that he was born in Indiana at some point which he calls "below Fort Wayne," and that his father died when he was eleven years of age. Beyond this he refuses to be interviewed and usually answers his questioners with a burst of gleeful laughter.

He simply is an excellent example of what strength of character will accomplish for a man. Since the day 12 years ago that he made up his mind to keep to his bed he has made that his one object in life with the result that he has succeeded, perhaps, even beyond his early expectations. For a time the poorhouse officials tried to force him from bed by refusing to bring his meals to him but John, unperturbed, simply giggled, turned his face to the wall, and waited. After a time the poorhouse people were vanquished and forced to bring him food for fear that he would starve to death.

He is a small, slender man with a clean-cut intellectual looking face, yet his appetite has been unimpaired by his long stay in bed. He demands his three meals a day and upon getting them eats every crumb that is handed to him. His average meal would put to rout the most husky farmhand, yet his limbs are shrunken from disuse.

The only physical exercise that this laziest of men permits himself is the



Towerman Becomes Crazy.



Old John Muncia in Bed.

screwing up of his eyes, accompanied by a wrinkling of the forehead such as though he were busily engaged in solving some very difficult and intricate problem.

During his entire twenty years' stay upon the county poor farm he has not given one clue to his boyhood or the past of his youth. The first that was known of him was when he turned up in St. Charles county, Missouri, later removing across the river to Jersey county, Illinois. The last piece of manual labor with which he has been connected was a bit of wood chopping for a farmer of Elsie, Ill., and seemingly he still regrets it although he alludes to it with a half chuckle.

It was 12 years ago that the old man one morning announced he would stay in bed, except for the time needed to go to his three square meals a day, and he kept the promise. A year later, weary by the walking thus necessitated, and by the exertion of dressing himself, he said that there after he would stay in bed. Only once in eleven years has he violated that resolve. One very hot day during the summer before last he found himself without drinking water in his airy second-floor apartment where he lies alone, and descended the steps to get the drink, also returning unaided. He may have thought to do this unobserved, but he was detected, and inmates of the place still remember the incident as an astonishing one.

During the 20 years which the old man has spent as an almoner of Jersey county he never has been seen to look at a book or paper, and the reasonable theory that he cannot read is hard to reconcile with his intelligent, educated, almost refined appearance, even when lying on a cot in a poorhouse dormitory.

Despite his apparent dislike for conversation with other people, and his disuse of books and papers, he can tell the day of week, the day of the month and the year with as much precision as though a calendar hung before his bed.

Chuckling, wrinkling up his face and narrowing his eyes, occasionally talking just enough to tantalize persons curious about his past, old John probably will carry his secrets, if he has any, to the graveyard behind the poorhouse hill. And meanwhile he will remain in the bed which has supported his work-hating frame for the last 12 years, and consume enough daily proffered to feed a harvest hand.