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NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

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COVERS WIDE AREA.

GREATER OR LESSER IMPORT

Includes What is Going On at Wash-
ington and in Other Sections of
the Country.

CONGRESS.

Debate was begun on annual pension appropriation bill carrying \$180,000,000.

Representative Olmstead says it would be cowardly to withdraw from the Philippines.

The United States and France have agreed to continue the arbitration treaty for five years.

The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill carrying \$3,761,642, was passed by the House.

President Taft's veto of the Burnett-Dillingham immigration bill was received and read by the senate.

An amendment to the postoffice bill in the senate provides for primary election on fourth class postmasters.

The House Territories committee heard Alaskan plea for legislation permitting entrymen to prove coal claims in court.

An aggregate of \$19,800,086 is expended annually by the government to maintain the public health service, according to a statement forwarded to the senate by the secretary of the treasury.

Eulogies for the late Senator Frye of Maine and Representative Hubbard of Iowa, and Utter of Rhode Island, were delivered in the house recently.

Many representatives joined in the symposium of tributes.

Criticism of the present conservation system of the United States because of the power it gives to departmental heads in Washington to regulate affairs in great areas of western states was voiced by Senator Thomas of Colorado.

The bill to provide \$2,000,000 for government participation in the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915 at San Francisco was killed for this session of congress on a test vote of 112 to 117 in a parliamentary skirmish for closing debate.

SPORT.

Jack Johnson will meet Al Falzer in Paris on June 25.

William F. Quinn, who has trained hundreds of Harvard athletes for field events and hurdling, died after a long illness. He was thirty-two years old and came to Harvard in 1906 from the New York athletic club.

Protests against starting National league baseball games there at 2 p. m., as announced by President Murphy of the Chicago club, caused Murphy to modify the innovation by saying that the games would be started at 2:30.

Henry Coulter, aged 71, at one time said to have been champion single scull oarsman of the United States, died at his home in Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. Coulter participated in many famous races in this country and England.

Luther McCarty's next fight will be with Bombardier Wells. The place will be Madison Square garden, New York, and the date will be March 14, or a day close to that. This much was agreed between McCarty's manager and the proprietors of the Madison Square Garden club.

Ad. Wolgast, former lightweight champion, arrived from Portland to begin training for his fight with "Harlem Tommy" Murphy on Washington's birthday. He confirmed the report that he had severed business relations with Tom Jones, formerly his manager, and at once established his training camp.

With the adoption of the playing schedule for 1913 the club-owners and representatives of the National league ended one of the shortest and most peaceful sessions in the history of this baseball organization. According to the statement made by Secretary Heydery at the close of the meeting harmony prevailed and there was not a ripple of discord heard during the discussion of business. The schedule calls for 154 games.

GENERAL.

H. H. Humphrey and R. H. McWhorter, who confessed to having practiced fraud in connection with the Columbia river orchards swindle, were fined \$1,000 each and sentenced to sixty days' imprisonment at Portland, Ore.

How he discovered information for which the government paid him \$50,000 in less than five months' employment by Duven Bros., dealers in art objects, was related to a New York supreme court jury by Joseph Lambert Payne.

San Francisco was endorsed for the meeting place of the National Cancer association in 1915 at the closing session of the convention.

A great national park in Colorado, to be known as the Rocky Mountain park, is proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Rucker of Colorado.

Mrs. John B. Henderson, wife of former Senator Henderson of Missouri, pleaded guilty in a Washington police court of having been responsible for chopping down a tree on a public thoroughfare near her home without first obtaining a permit.

Sixteen are dead, including twelve miners and four mine guards, as the result of a desperate battle in the Kanawha county, W. Va., coal fields.

The comptroller of the currency issued a call for a statement of the condition of all national banks of the United States at the close of business of Tuesday, February 4.

Thomas A. Edison celebrated his 66th birthday on February 11.

The price of oil has been advanced in the North Lima, O., field.

Interstate Commerce Commission Pass Inspector Boyd in Omaha testing the free transportation market.

Eastern railway firemen have voted to go on strike.

The proposed German petroleum monopoly was placed fully under governmental control by an amendment to the bill by the committee of the imperial parliament.

The Illinois senate unanimously ratified the proposed amendment to the national constitution providing for the election of United States senators by the direct vote of the people.

Fire which started in the garret of the Star hotel at Dolan, S. D., burned eleven buildings in the business part of the town before being brought under control. The estimated loss is \$65,000.

It is understood the marriage of Princess Victoria Louise, only daughter of the German emperor, to Prince Ernst August, son of the duke of Cumberland, will take place in October next.

The national chamber of commerce adopted a resolution calling upon the president and senate of the United States to renew the arbitration treaty made between this country and Great Britain in 1908.

Conrad Schicklering, president of the Schicklering Manufacturing company, was arrested in New York on an indictment charging use of the mails to swindle pupils of a jeweler's art school.

A bill providing for a minimum wage for women passed by the Kansas house of representatives Feb. 5, a week for a nine-hour day as the minimum wage of all women workers except domestic servants.

Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin waved before the eyes of his associate a draft for \$1,500,000, the proceeds of a lumber deal. Back home the boys are wondering if the old man will run again and give prosperity a boost.

Harry Fisher of Buffalo was elected president of the National Association of Merchant Tailors at the close of their annual clothing and style show in Cleveland, succeeding Charles McCarthy of Chicago.

The Ypsilanti Reed Furniture company, an institution adjoining the state reformatory and in which convict labor was largely employed, was destroyed by fire at a loss of \$255,000. The state lost \$100,000 worth of equipment in the factory. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

Rev. Dr. Robert Stuart McArthur has resigned his pastorate at the Atlanta Baptist Tabernacle, which has been stormy for months through differences between himself and the congregation, and will return to New York to resume his duties as president of the World's Baptist Alliance.

The soil of a great portion of Germany is little but sand and it has been tilled for centuries, but on this poor land German farmers are today raising in some crops more than twice as many bushels per acre as the American farmer, and in all crops from 60 to 80 per cent more.

Whether the six-year single presidential term constitutional amendment shall be presented to the public as it recently passed the senate, or be substituted by the Clayton resolution, the house judiciary committee was unable to decide. The question is to come up in the house later.

Criminal contempt of court proceedings against the Southern Wholesale Grocers' association and seventy-nine individuals for alleged violations of the anti-trust decree entered against the "grocers' trust" more than a year ago were begun in Birmingham, recently by the federal government.

John F. Bauer of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who has celebrated his forty-fifth birthday anniversary, has the distinction of being the first white child born at Hays City, Kan. Hays City was one of the most important trading posts for the Indians, and it afterward became the leading shipping point for cattle in the entire Panhandle section. Mr. Bauer came to Wilkes-Barre thirty years ago.

George Kittle of Palisade, Neb., filed a complaint against E. H. Farmer with the county attorney Saturday. The complaint alleges that Farmer secured \$62 from him by falsely representing that he was about to be arrested by a United States deputy marshal and needed that amount of money to save him from the humiliation of being arrested. A warrant was issued and Farmer was arrested Wednesday at Hastings.

President-elect Wilson announced definitely tonight that he would not make public the names of his cabinet until he sent them to the senate for confirmation, March 4. "I will follow the good old-fashioned method," he said, "and not make any announcement until the names of the cabinet members are sent to the senate." Mr. Wilson's remarks were occasioned by the publication of reports from Washington that he would announce his cabinet tomorrow. He said there was absolutely no truth or authority for the reports.

In a speech at New York Colonel Roosevelt returned to an attack of the supreme court of Idaho.

A report of Illinois some time ago stated that in the last twenty years 10,000 country churches in Illinois had closed their doors.

Former Governor B. M. Fernald of Maine was elected president of the National Canners' association in 1915 at the closing session of the convention.

April 14 has been selected as the date for beginning a general strike throughout Belgium by the National Council of Workingmen's organizations.

The Missouri house today passed the county unit local option bill by a vote of 90 to 45.

The German and Dutch steamship lines announced that the steamer rate from Europe to Canada would be cut to \$30 instead of \$40.

Elmer Loomis, an Iowa, Kan., high school freshman, will suffer permanent loss of his sight as result of hazing.

By mortgaging his piano Isaac Eyer, aged 68 years, of Pueblo, Colo., secured money to purchase a revolver, with which the police say he killed himself.

ARMISTICE BROKEN

FIGHTING, REPORTS SAY, HAS BEEN RESUMED.

THE MESSAGES ARE MEAGER

Authorities Have Established a Strict Censorship in Mexico City.

Mexico City.—The strictest censorship on all dispatches has been established at Mexico City. Government officials have taken charge of the cable office and ruthlessly discarded messages of correspondents to their papers.

Code message and all messages containing any expressions whatever that might be construed into a suggestion of the important happenings in the capital came under the ban and promptly were confiscated by the censor and his assistants.

Nevertheless several dispatches, of a somewhat detached nature, escaped the vigilance of the censorship and a bulletin was flashed through that the armistice had been broken and that both sides were fighting savagely.

The Mexican government was unable, however, to shut off the official dispatches of the diplomatic representatives, but as these are sent in cipher, considerable delay is being experienced in translation, and the fear is expressed that many things may occur in the Mexican capital detrimental to the foreign residents before the actual situation is learned by the home governments.

Brief dispatches giving a general idea of the situation prior to the fresh break of hostilities were passed by the censors to their destinations, but the government apparently is determined that not a word of the fighting which has torn the city asunder for eight days shall be communicated to the outside world, if that can be prevented.

The government has not only shut the world off from Mexico City, but so far as the public is concerned has shut Mexico City off from the world, including the whole of the Mexican republic. News dispatches sent from the United States to Mexico City were either refused or held up, the intention evidently being that the residents within the capital shall not be informed of the measures which have been undertaken by the American and other governments to protect their interests.

While Madero has been reiterating his declaration that conditions in Mexico outside of the capital are satisfactory, advices from various centers indicate that there have been important movements in favor of General Diaz.

Confirmation of the breaking of the armistice and the resumption of hostilities has been received from Laredo, Tex., where wire communication was established with Mexico City. The messages stated that a battle was on. Official advices received from Ambassador Wilson tell of the narrow escape of the British minister, Francis W. Stronge, from federal bullets while on his way to a conference at the American embassy. The automobile in which Mr. Stronge was riding, escorted by a federal guard, was struck in several places. This gives some slight indications of the difficulties and dangers encountered by the diplomatic representatives in their endeavors to bring about a peace settlement.

Further advices from the ambassador say that the majority of the American residents have found places of relative safety, although a few of them have refused to abandon their homes.

Attempts to Rob 16 Men.

Kansas City.—A man who gave the name of D. R. Leeper, attempted to hold up and rob sixteen men on the street near the Union station. He was unable to keep all of them under his eye and after emptying his revolver at those who attempted to escape, he took to his own heels with the men he had attempted to rob in pursuit. One of the highwayman's bullets fatally wounded Francis Fitzgerald, a 16-year-old boy. Leeper was captured.

China Holding Elections.

Pekin.—Present returns from the general elections being held throughout China indicate that President Yuan Shi Kai will be returned to office by a substantial majority.

Morched Stops the Fight.

Lincoln, Neb.—Following the filing of a protest by the Tri-City Baraca union of Omaha and vicinity, Governor Morched wired the sheriff to prohibit the fight at Grand Island.

Chinese to Be Hanged.

New York.—Two members of the Chinese Hip Sing tong—Eng Hing and Yee Dock—were sentenced to execution March 24 for the murder of Lee Kay, a fellow countryman, during a tong shooting affray about February 14, 1912.

Power Engineers in Field.

Fremont, Neb.—Surveyors representing the Kountze canal interests are said to be working near Linwood. A week ago they were in the vicinity of Cedar Bluffs.

Blue Sky Law in Vermont.

Montpelier.—The so-called "blue sky" act, first adopted in Kansas and designated to exclude from the state questionable investment companies while turning the light on those already within the state, became a law by approval of governor.

Dr. H. D. Heddings.

Washington.—Dr. H. D. Heddings, former assistant surgeon general of the public health service and who served conspicuously abroad in connection with cholera outbreaks, died.

DYING MESSAGE

FROM CAPT. SCOTT FOUND ON CORPSE

London, Feb. 10.—Among records found on Captain Scott was the following, written at the time he realized his mission must end in disaster. It is his last message to the world completed while the pangs of hunger and suffering from cold were slowly but surely killing him and his companions:

"The causes of this disaster are not due to faulty organization but to misfortune in all the risks which had to be undertaken.

"One, the loss of pony transport in March, 1911, obliged me to start later than I had intended, and obliged the limits of stuff transported to be narrow. The weather throughout the outward journey, and especially the long gale in 83 degrees south, stopped us. The soft snow in the lower reaches of the glacier again reduced the pace.

"We fought these untoward events with will and conquered, but it ate into our reserve provisions. Every detail of our food supplies, clothing and depots made on the interior ice sheet and on that long stretch of 700 miles to the pole and back worked out to perfection.

"The advance party would have returned to the glacier in fine form and with a surplus of food but for the astonishing failure of the man whom we had least expected to fail.

"Seaman Edgar Evans was thought to be the strongest man of the party, and Beardmore glacier is not difficult in fine weather. But on our return we did not get a single completely fine day. This, with a sick companion, enormously increased our anxieties.

"We got into frightfully rough ice and Edgar Evans received a concussion of the brain. He died a natural death, but left us a shaken party, with the season unduly advanced.

"But all these facts enumerated were as nothing to the surprise which awaited us on the barrier. I maintain that our arrangements for returning were quite adequate and that no one in the world would have done better in the weather which we encountered at this time of the year.

"On the summit in latitude 85 degrees to 86 degrees we had minus 20 to minus 30. On the barrier, in latitude 82 degrees, 10,000 feet lower, we had minus 20. On the barrier, in latitude 82 degrees, we had minus 30 in the day and minus 27 at night pretty regularly, with a continuous head wind during our day marches.

"These circumstances came on very suddenly and our wreck is certainly due to this sudden advent of severe weather, which does not seem to have any satisfactory cause.

"I do not think human beings ever came through such a month as we have come through, and we should have got through in spite of the weather but for the sickening of a second companion, Captain Oates, and a shortage of fuel in our depots, for which I cannot account, and finally, but for the storm which had fallen on us within eleven miles of the depot at which we hoped to secure the final supplies.

"Surely misfortune could scarcely have exceeded this last blow."

"We arrived within eleven miles of our old One Ton camp with fuel for one hot meal and food for two days. For four days we have been unable to leave the tent, the gale blowing about us; we are weak.

"Writing is difficult.

"For my own sake I do not regret this journey, which has shown that Englishmen can endure hardships, help one another and meet death with as great a fortitude as ever in the past.

"We took risks. We knew we took them. Things have come out against us and therefore we have no cause for complaint, but bow to the will of Providence, determined still to do our best to the last.

"But if we have been willing to give our lives to this enterprise, which is for the honor of our country, I appeal to our countrymen to see that those who depend on us are properly cared for.

"Had we lived I should have had a tale to tell of the hardihood, endurance and courage of my companions which would have stirred the heart of every Englishman.

"These rough notes and our dead bodies must tell the tale, but surely, surely a great, rich country like ours will see that those who are dependent on us are properly provided for.

"(Signed) R. SCOTT.
"March 25, 1912."

Eat Too Much Meat?

Amid the general chorus of grumbling at the high price of meat there is one dissenting note—that of the Ladies' Home Journal, which says: "We rejoice at the high prices of meats, and fervently say 'May they soar higher and yet higher.'" Americans eat too much meat, the Journal thinks, and high prices will lessen the consumption.

His Mistake.

"Do you think there is money to be made out of the chicken business?" "Some men have made fortunes out of it."

"Well, I never had any luck."

"You tried to make money in the chicken business."

Mild Answer.

"Will that savage brute of yours bite, boy?" asked the old lady.

"You needn't be skeered, ma'am," answered the little boy. "He's too old to bite anything tough."

There's a Difference.

"The man who runs that store has got the right idea, all right."

"How so?"

"He advertises: 'Bagpipes and musical instruments.'"

A Great Speech.

"Yes, senator, I happened to be in the visitors' gallery once when you made a great speech against it."

"Against what?"

"Time."

THE FREIGHT BILL

KECKLEY TELLS ABOUT BAD TREATMENT BY COMMITTEE.

Chairman Explains He Was Simply Seeking Full Information.—Keckley Didn't See It That Way.

Lincoln.—The proposed reduction of freight rates by the legislature, with cut regard to the State Railway commission, was the one big question before the house, brought up this afternoon by Keckley of York, who, rising to a question of personal privilege, gave a talk on his treatment at the hands of the railway committee, before which he appeared Friday evening. The action of the committee was defended by Helliger, chairman, and Stephen of Merrick, a member. Keckley wanted the committee to make a report on his bill last night, but instead it went over for a week so the committee could get more facts in the case.

Keckley said, after telling about reducing the author of the bill to below freight rates 20 per cent: "That bill went to the railroad committee and was discussed Friday evening. I asked the committee to report the bill back to the house and I was not particular what report it made. I told the committee I was not competent to discuss freight rates with the railroad experts. I wanted to show my data upon which the bill was based to the committee of the whole and not be compelled to show my hand to the committee.

Forced to Show Hand.

"But the committee insisted that I show why the bill should be passed, instead of compelling the freight experts to show why it should not be passed. While making a running fight with the experts I was forced to produce some of my data. I showed the committee figures to prove that the people of Nebraska in comparison with the people of Iowa were extorted out of \$9,125,000 last year. The comparison I showed the committee showed that the extortion in freight rates is about 69 per cent."

Bills Passed by House.

Bill passed were these:

House Roll No. 14, by Fries of Howard—Provides for marking county roads on both boundaries and for concrete, iron or stone monuments on survey points. Passed, 92 to 0.

House Roll No. 13, by Fries of Howard—Defines powers, duties and fees of county surveyors and prescribes method of establishing and restoring lost or obliterated corners. Passed, 83 to 2.

House Roll No. 12, by Fries of Howard—Gives state surveyor power to summon witnesses, administer oaths and compel testimony in boundary disputes. Passed, 87 to 0.

House Roll No. 40, by Hardin of Harlan—Repeals the Smith mortgage tax exemption act of 1911. Passed, 53 to 38.

House Roll No. 59, by Keckley of York—Established a civil service system in all the state institutions under administration of state board of control. Passed, 88 to 0.

House Roll No. 51, by Richardson of Lancaster—Makes it a felony to give or sell "dope" or intoxicants to penitentiary or asylum inmates. Passed, 86 to 0.

House Roll No. 92, by Norton of Polk—Proposed constitutional amendment enabling a reform of the state tax system. Passed, 87 to 0.

House Roll No. 18, by Brain of Douglas—Permits the voting of bonds for sewer construction in villages where no newspaper is published. Passed, 90 to 0.

House Roll No. 142, by Greenway of Custer—Allows cities of from 2,000 to 5,000 population to adopt the Bangor commission form of government. Passed, 92 to 0.

Saloon Limit Bill Killed.

Lincoln.—The house killed H. R. 86, by Anderson of Kearney, providing the number of saloons shall be limited to one for every 1,000 people in wet towns. The judiciary committee reported the bill for indefinite postponement.

To Probe Industrial School.

That C. B. Munnell, head of the boys' industrial school at Kearney, has failed to furnish any information as to a deficiency of nearly \$30,000, was asserted by C. H. Busch, chairman of the house deficiencies committee, who asked a committee to investigate where the money was spent. He said the deficiency amounts to half the total maintenance appropriation. A committee of three, with the senate committee, will probe.

Gays Horse Disease Is Dreaded One

State Veterinarian Bostrom has heard of no other cases of the horse epidemic of which four cases were reported from the vicinity of Beatrice about six weeks ago there were four or five cases of this disease reported from York county. The state veterinarian says that the epidemic which a few months ago raged over Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma. He does not believe that a serious outbreak of the disease will develop at this time.

Mothers' Pension Bills.

Simon's mothers' pension bill providing for \$10 per month for each child, to be paid at the discretion of the juvenile court to mothers of dependent children, met considerable opposition from those favoring other similar measures, in the house of senate and was finally left up in the air when the house reported progress. A consultation between advocates of the various bills was held and a motion was passed referring all mothers' pension bills to the benevolent institutions committee.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

Coming Events in Nebraska.
February 20-22.—Loyal Order of Moose Fair and Bazar, Omaha.

Feb. 24 to March 1.—Omaha Automobile Show, Omaha.

March 5 to 15—"Made-in-Nebraska" Show, Omaha.

Alliance will get the fire tournament this summer.

Trailers are being put on all the street cars in Omaha.

A new camp of W. O. W. is being organized at Anselmo.

Merrick county's new court house is nearing completion.

Franklin pays its city superintendent of schools \$1,112 a year.

Four hundred and fifty-four bills have been introduced in the senate.

Ainsworth Monks of McCook was killed at Wray, Colo., in a train accident.

About 500 tons of hay was destroyed in a prairie fire near Hyannis recently.

The farmers in the vicinity of Peru closed a successful three days' farmers' institute.

Three wolves were killed near Oklawaha this week. About 800 people joined in the hunt.

J. C. Franklin, aged 95, a wealthy pioneer of Nebraska, died at Fremont on February 12.

The Omaha Woman's club's resolutions against the repeal of the Albert law, the Sackett law or the 8 o'clock closing law have been received by the house.

In a one-sided game of basketball, University Place defeated Beatrice by the score of 46 to 18. Allen of the visitors was the star and made most of the goals.

One case of smallpox has been reported to the city physician at Aurora, and in order to take precaution the schools have been closed for the purpose of fumigating.

The Cortland basketball team defeated Wilber at Cortland by the score of 25 to 28. Cortland has won eight straight games and claims the championship of the county.

The Union Pacific has announced the posting of a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the party, or parties, who murdered George J. Hood, the station agent at Miller.

The progressiveness of the Village of Dodge is best shown by the construction of the new \$40,000 school building now nearing completion upon the site used for school purposes for many years.

The Rev. L. W. Corey, pastor of the First Baptist church of Fremont for the past five years, recently tendered his resignation to his congregation. He will go to Kenosha, Wis., to assume charge of a church.

John Elmer recently sold his fine one hundred and twenty-acre farm, a few miles southwest of Snyder, for the longest price paid for farm lands in that section, getting \$165 per acre. It is a fine farm and one of the best in the section, though the improvements were only ordinary.

Fire caused by the explosion of a barrel of kerosene oil damaged the Union Pacific roundhouse at Kearney Thursday night to the extent of \$35,000. One engine burned and another was badly damaged. The damage to the building was heavy. The fire raged for two hours.

At a meeting of the Alliance retail merchants' association Tuesday ways and means were discussed and plans formulated for placing before the people of Box Butte county the necessity of a new court house and the getting out of the vote, April 7, to decide for the issuance of bonds for the building thereof.

Contracts were signed and work begun this week on a 16 room hotel at the town of Van Tassel, Wyo., near the state line. Work is to be rushed and building completed by April 1st. Cost of building \$3,500,000. J. H. Kneeter of Spearfish, S. D., is the proprietor, and he will spend \$1,500,000 more in furnishings this giving Van Tassel an up-to-date hotel.

Stephen T. Reasoner, a well known business man of Kearney and for two terms county superintendent of Buffalo county, died at Rochester, Minn. He had been successfully operated upon for intestinal trouble in July, but a second operation Wednesday was fatal. The funeral will be held from Ashland, Neb., his old home, on Monday under the auspices of the Macons, of which order he was a member.