

NEWS OF THE WEEK

CONDENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

National, Political, Personal and Other Matters in Brief Form for All Classes of Readers.

CONGRESS.

The Indian appropriation bill, carrying \$11,288,792, has been reported.

President Wilson has submitted many nominations for confirmation.

Finance committee democrats continued consideration of tariff bill changes.

Representative Murray (Okla.) has offered an amendment to the rules to restrict lobbying.

Democrats of the finance committee are considering changes suggested in the tariff bill.

Chairman Palmer of democratic caucus has announced that an investigation will be made of patronage in the house.

The activities of the Hawaiian sugar interests formed subject of hearings before the lobby investigating committee of the senate.

A strong sentiment in opposition to currency legislation at this session developed at special meeting of the Senate banking committee.

Representative Rothermill has introduced a resolution for a special committee to investigate conditions on the seal islands of Alaska.

Representative O'Shaughnessy has introduced a resolution for investigation of American beef packers' interests in Argentine cattle industry.

The banking and currency committee has appointed a sub-committee to consider open hearings on currency legislation.

Senator Newlands has introduced a bill to amend the Erdman act in the manner suggested by railroads and labor organizations.

Senator Lewis has introduced a bill to give the Interstate Commerce control over all stock issues of railroads and other common carriers.

Representative Broussard has introduced a bill for the continuance of the commerce court and extension of its powers.

The House in an executive session, decided to postpone renewal of limited arbitration treaties with Great Britain, Italy and Spain.

Representative Graham has introduced a bill to authorize three battleships and appropriating \$15,000,000 immediately for that purpose.

An amendment for a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem on raw wool has been beaten. The Stone subcommittee was unanimously in favor of no duty.

The sugar section was reported favorably by Senator Williams' subcommittee. An amendment to strike out the provision for free sugar after three years was voted down.

A majority of the finance committee has adopted the glass schedule approving a subcommittee amendment which increased the duty on unpolished, cylinder, crown and common window glass in small sizes from seven-eighths of a cent to 1 cent a pound.

Democratic members of finance committee continued consideration tariff bill revision; republicans made plans for opposing measure. The committee voted, however, to leave open for the present the time at which the rates of the new schedules are to become effective—whether at the enactment of the new tariff law or a later date. That will be determined after all the schedules have been approved.

Domestic.

Secretary Daniels plans to increase the plants in the Norfolk and New York navy yards.

New York City is selling fire department hoses at bargain prices. Recently a batch of twenty-two brought about \$2,000.

An organization of the Timber Workers' union was effected by the striking lumber handlers at Duluth. The organization will demand a flat rate of 25 cents per hour from mill owners.

The oldest citizen of Illinois, Dr. James Lynn of Orono, ten miles south of Pana, recently entertained 108 guests, including relatives and friends, in celebration of his 108th anniversary. A cake, the diameter of which was almost five feet, was cut by the aged physician.

The biggest melon of the Standard Oil crop carries \$50,000,000 and is about to be cut.

San Francisco finds its water supply entirely too limited for its needs and is unable at present to secure an increase.

Official dispatches from Melilla describe the uprising of the Kabyles in the northern section of Morocco as assuming formidable proportions.

The record of the monthly dredging operations in Panama canal was broken in May, when over 1,000,000 cubic yards of earth was removed from the two entrances.

The commerce court, for which an appropriation has been made for the coming fiscal year, will be continued until the next session of congress, unless the democratic caucus of the house, to be held June 25, decrees otherwise.

Hearings on the general subject of wages at all United States navy yards will soon be begun by Secretary Daniels.

A fire originating in the hotel and business district of Cincinnati, O., caused a loss of \$50,000. The Hotel Elmer, a five-story structure, and several other places were burned.

A delegation of Richmond, Cal., business men called on Secretary Bryan at the State Department and presented him with a quantity of California grape juice in an eucalyptus wood case with silver inscription plate.

New York has 20,839 industrial establishments.

Atlanta's new court house will cost \$1,250,000.

Chicago is to put up 10,000 new street signs at crossings in September.

John Purroy Mitchell was sworn in as collector of the port of New York, succeeding William Loeb, Jr.

The domestic economy schools of London every year prepare 500 girls certified to be model housewives.

St. Louis women are raising funds to endow a mothers and babies' home which is now caring for 175 children and thirty-five mothers.

Lebanon claims to have the oldest citizen in Missouri—William C. Simpson, a Mexican war veteran who was 102 years old on June 3.

San Francisco's municipal street railway line on Geary street has already piled up a deficit of \$17,380.63 in four months of operation.

John Madden, for eight years general attorney for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway has resigned to become general solicitor of the Missouri Pacific.

Evan Edwards of Torquay, England, who has attained the patriarchal age of 98, and is still hale and hearty, is believed to be the oldest Baptist minister in the world.

Tete Jaune, the most westerly division point on the Grand Trunk Pacific, in the Rocky mountains, is under water because of a sudden rise in the Frazier river.

One of the largest eagles ever seen in Vermont was captured near Middlebury by John Huston. The bird's wing was broken. It measured six feet from tip to tip.

Henry Morganthau, a New York lawyer, to whom President Wilson offered the post of ambassador to Turkey, after a conference with the president, has declined the post.

Dr. George E. Vincent, president of the University of Minnesota, conferred degrees upon the largest graduating class in that institution's history, 700 receiving diplomas.

John A. McIlhenny has been designated by President Wilson as president of the Civil Service commission. Mr. McIlhenny was the only one of the old commissioners retained.

A public utilities bill, providing for a state commission to have general charge over rates, service and capitalization of all public utilities in Illinois, has been passed by the lower house.

Eugene Maggi and his wife, believed to be the wealthiest persons in Switzerland, committed suicide being actuated by sheer lack of interest in life. Eugene Maggi was only forty.

Fifty women spectators in the Chicago circuit court rushed to Dennis Bernstein 22 years old, and hugged and kissed him when he was found not guilty of the murder of Lawrence Buck.

Notwithstanding the strict American rules applied to emigrants in regard to their health and means, Russian emigrants increased during 1912 to 57,850, having been 39,161 in 1910 and 35,952 in 1911.

Jack Johnson, negro heavyweight prizefighter, obtained five more days of freedom when Federal Judge Carpenter granted his counsel five days to prepare a writ of error to bring the negro's case before the United States court of appeals.

Lewis Grandjean is attempting to induce the immigration authorities to win a \$10,000 stake for him by deporting him to France as an undesirable alien. Grandjean says that if he can reach Paris by July 15 he will win \$10,000 put up at the Jockey club ten years ago as a wager that he could not visit every country in the world, always working his way, and never being subsidized or receiving charity.

Foreign.

Dr. Eusebio Morales, the newly accredited minister from Panama has arrived in Washington.

Count Alvaro de Romanones, who on May 30 resigned as premier, together with all his ministry, has consented to resume office.

There is a movement in England to send the offending suffragists to the island of St. Helena instead of punishing them in jail.

Members of the house committee on naval affairs are planning a trip of inspection of the navy yards of the Atlantic coast.

Andrew Drew, a Chicago aviator, fell 200 feet while making a test flight near the Lima, Ohio, state hospital and was instantly killed.

A strike affecting 1,600 men, employees of the Western Coal and Mining company at Pittsburg, Kas., has been ordered by the executive board of the united mine workers.

Swift & Co., trading in Australia, as the Australian Meat Export company (Ind.) more than a year ago obtained a tract of land 120 acres in extent on the banks of the Brisbane river, on which a fully equipped slaughtering and packing plant is being constructed.

Miss Marie Rose Collins, youngest daughter of the late General Patrick A. Collins of Boston, is to be married in Yokohama to Dr. Lionel Street, a graduate of the University of Michigan, now practicing in that Japanese city.

With both sides stubborn by refusing to make the slightest concession, war between the Balkan states is hourly becoming more imminent.

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 1912, India's tobacco exports reached their highest figure. Shipments of unmanufactured tobacco amounted to 26,484,172 pounds.

Vilhjalmr Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, has arrived at Esquimaut and has taken charge of the expedition which he will lead into the Arctic this summer for scientific research under the auspices of the Canadian government.

General Antonio Rabaga has resigned as military governor of Chihuahua state. He will go to Mexico City.

Zue Sun Bien, recently appointed assistant secretary of state of the new Chinese republic, is thoroughly Americanized. He graduated last June from Brown university.

TO BROADEN SCOPE

NEW AVENUES OF INQUIRY ARE OPENED BY COMMITTEE.

SKELETONS TO BE UNCOVERED

Actions of Senators and Others Will Be Looked Into in a Thorough Manner.

Washington.—Lobbying as a fine art, how it is done, and who is responsible, what ends are sought and what results are accomplished, probably will be investigated by the special senate lobby committee before it concludes its work and submits a report to the senate. For nearly two weeks the five senators on the committee have listened to testimony that has dealt almost exclusively with the influence exerted on the tariff bill, but it has uncovered enough trails to lead members to believe that campaigns of every sort, political, industrial and economic, have been conducted much along the same lines through paid agents in efforts to create public sentiment favorable to the causes concerned.

The committee decided in executive session to submit to the senate the question of a further broadening of the scope of its inquiry.

May Extend Time Limit.

It was believed that the time limit of twenty days imposed on the committee would be extended and that the investigation would go into every possible phase of what the committee suspects is lobbying. Any skeletons that have dangled in the closets of congress and any soiled linen that may have hung there will be exhibited to the public eye and legislation to impose drastic restrictions upon lobbying and the "acceleration" of public opinion may result.

The committee's decision came at the end of a day filled with sensations. On two occasions President Wilson figured in the testimony. Senator Gallinger told the committee that in his opinion the president had once come at least "dangerously near lobbying" and Truman G. Palmer, Washington representative of the United States beet sugar industry, declared that a "plate matter" campaign, much similar to the one conducted in newspapers by him had accompanied the campaigns of the president and Representative Underwood before the Baltimore convention.

Senator Cummins cross-examined Mr. Palmer at length about the details of his newspaper campaign and developed that to the best knowledge of the witness many of the big interests of the country were engaged in similar efforts to mould the opinion of the country.

Hill Lays Off Men.

St. Paul, Minn.—Orders have been issued by James J. Hill, stopping all work on the Great Northern railroad lines that is not absolutely necessary, according to an announcement made at the general offices of the road. It was said the action was taken as a result of the recent supreme court decision in the Minnesota rate cases.

Work on several pieces of construction in Montana have been discontinued, while a report from Superior, Wis., says that 300 men employed on track repair work on the Missabe division of the road have been laid off.

Introduces Anti-Trust Bill.

Washington, D. C.—Senator La Follette has introduced a bill to amend the Sherman anti-trust law so as to provide that when any person, firm or corporation is held guilty of restraining trade, the burden of proof to establish the reasonableness of such restraint should be upon the defendant.

Any concern controlling more than 30 per cent of the business in the United States in any commodity would be barred from claiming reasonable restraint.

"Dry" Member Knocked Down.

Springfield, Ill.—A near riot took place in the Illinois house of representatives when Representative George H. Wilson, leader of the "drys," was knocked down by Representative Thomas N. Gordon. The affair is said to have followed a passage of words between the two, all of which was not heard by other members.

Weds Cousin of a King.

Paris.—Mrs. Huegar Pratt, formerly Miss Abigail Parkhurst of Cleveland, O., and Prince Alexis Georges Karageorgievitch, a cousin of King Peter of Servia, have been married.

Danish Cabinet Resigns.

Copenhagen, Denmark.—King Christian has accepted the resignation of the Danish premier and of the members of his cabinet. The step was taken as a result of the recent elections when the party in power received an adverse vote.

Much Building at Chicago.

Chicago.—Building is enjoying the greatest building activity in its history. Since January building permits involving \$40,516,000 have been issued.

In Danger of Famine.

Washington, D. C.—Famine with only seal meat to keep off starvation, threatens the people of the Pribilof islands of Alaska, as a result of congressional delay in passing the sundry civil bill, the department of commerce has announced.

Bethany Professor is Honored.

Bloomington, Ill.—Prof. O. F. Pritchard of Bethany, Neb., was elected president of the Eureka college, Eureka, Ill., to succeed E. E. Underwood, resigned.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

By a vote of 24 to 186, Stella has decided to build a new \$15,000 school house.

Thayer county bankers met in Deshler and formed a permanent organization.

Orchards and groves in the vicinity of Louisville, Neb., are overrun with 17-year locusts.

The office of Road master G. Iverson of the Union Pacific has been transferred from Omaha to Fremont. The Burlington has recently ordered material for an additional 405 miles of telephone dispatching circuits.

John Wiebe has purchased the grocery store of W. A. Penner in West Beatrice and has assumed charge of the place.

Articles of incorporation of the Beatrice Burial Vault company have been filed and manufacturing of the vaults will begin at once.

Willard Avery, a young farmer residing in the immediate vicinity of Edgar, was quite seriously injured while stacking alfalfa with a stacker.

Forty horses were burned to death and financial loss of \$5,000 caused by a fire which destroyed the barns of the Twin City Transfer company at Omaha.

The Luther Grocery and Notion store at Broken Bow was destroyed by fire. The loss will probably exceed \$1,500, the stock not being insured.

Miss Claire Schable of Octavia, Neb., will participate in the graduating concert of the Iowa University School of Music. Only three were thus honored.

It is said that the western passenger association will adhere to its rule making 2 cents a mile a standard charge in this territory for all fairs and big gatherings.

The business men of Beatrice have taken steps to procure the franchise of the Seward baseball team in the State league and expect to secure enough funds for its purchase.

With John Merle Coulter, one of the prominent botanists of the country, as the speaker for the day the plant industry building at the state farm was formally dedicated.

Rev. R. A. Schell, pastor of the First Christian church at Hastings for the last seven years, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Christian church of Boulder, Colo.

The Beatrice board of education has elected Prof. T. C. Tillison of Abilene, Kas., supervisor of music in the schools of the city to succeed Prof. L. F. Stoddard, resigned.

The Nebraska Press Association meeting at Omaha was a record-breaker in point of attendance, and the guests evidently enjoyed the hospitality extended them by the city.

P. H. Dodge of the bureau of public roads at Washington, D. C., inspected the road work being done by Gage county and said that the dirt roads being built there are better than any he has seen.

A young Omaha woman surprised Postmaster Wharton with a request to send her 16-month-old child by parcel post to St. Paul. She was apparently much disappointed at his refusal to do so.

Louis Danjelak, of foreign birth, employed at the Union Pacific shops at Grand Island, was instantly killed when the engine on the running board of which he was standing went into the turntable pit.

The matter of the future postmaster of Neligh was settled in a primary election held for that purpose by direction of Congressman Stevens. After a closely-contested contest T. A. Davis won out by a majority of ten votes.

The Washington county board of supervisors flatly turned down a petition signed by farmers of the northwestern part of the county for a road to lead to the proposed new bridge over the Elkhorn river east of Fremont.

The state board of pardons heard applications for parole of William Washington, James E. Kelley, George L. Bond, William Craig and Clifford L. Hayes. No action was taken but the men's merits will be considered and a recommendation made later.

Four hundred and two is the number of degrees which will be granted graduates of the State university at the commencement. Of the seven colleges in the university, the arts and science rank the highest in the number of graduates, having a total of 158.

W. C. Andreas of Beatrice, a dairy inspector for the state food commission, will leave within a week or two to visit twelve countries in Europe for the purpose of studying foreign dairying. On his return he will again take up his work in the state food commission's service.

The Wymore Athletic association has been organized with about thirty members. Officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. L. V. Douglas; secretary, Robert Jones; captain, Otto Snyder; managers, George J. Taylor, Elmer Fredericks, J. Hoagland. This organization will promote baseball in Wymore.

Governor Morehead will ask the governor of New York for a requisition for James W. Lewis, a former Omaha man, who is charged with the embezzlement of \$137,500 from the owner of "The Maples," an apartment house in Omaha of which he was agent.

The first meeting of its kind to be held in Nebraska will be the big dairyman's rally to be held at Central City June 18. There will be large and varied displays of everything relating to the production of milk and cream, as well as good practical talks by well informed men.

Carl Miller, a 1913 graduate of the Fairbury high school, has been elected principal of the Powell schools. He succeeds Theodore Shaffer, who takes charge of the schools at Reynolds, Neb., next year.

Efforts to test the anti-gift provisions of the state's misbranding laws have been started in the Lancaster county courts. Food Commissioner Hartman instigated the suit against a retailer who handles a brand of chocolate in the packages of which are coupons entitling the bearer to a present after various numbers have been collected.

CONFERENCE HELD

STATE COMMITTEE MEETS TO CONSIDER REMOVAL.

BEN HUR INSURGENTS ACTIVE

Claim Supreme Body Has No Right to Order Increased Assessments.

Lincoln, Neb.—The State committee met in Lincoln for the purpose of preparing plans and a statement relative to the cost of removal of the State university to the State farm or for buying land for the purpose of extension just east of the present site.

A proposition of Lincoln merchants was made that the state will not have to pay more than \$300,000 for the six blocks needed for the extension downtown.

Something like a hundred merchants signed a bond guaranteeing that the cost should not exceed that amount to the state, and it is understood that the committee, or at least a majority of it, is in accord with the plan.

The committee, consisting of Senator Reynolds of Dawes, Representative Mockett of Lancaster and Regents Coupland and Allen met and talked over the proposition, but came to no definite conclusion, as it will be necessary to get the estimates of experts who are looking over the two propositions.

Estimates made heretofore have placed the value of the six downtown blocks at figures ranging all the way from \$300,000 to \$700,000, and it will require something more definite to satisfy a portion of the committee before the proposition offered by the Lincoln people is accepted.

Ben-Hur on Trial.

A hearing on a protest against an increase of rates charged by the Tribe of Ben-Hur was held by State Auditor Howard. The rate adjustment protest committee of Nebraska consists U. G. Powell of Lincoln, J. T. Potter of Seward, W. I. Allen of Schuyler, Joseph H. Smith of Richland, H. G. Waters of Lincoln, W. Edwards of Nebraska City, A. E. Napier of Schuyler, F. Dolezal of Fremont.

Mr. Allen and Mr. Dolezal will present to the state auditor an important legal question. They contend that the Tribe of Ben-Hur has no representative form of government and is therefore not legally entitled to transact business in Nebraska. The executive committee of the order endeavored to pass a resolution which, if enforced, would give the organization a representative form of government, but the Nebraska objectors allege that the executive committee has no power to make a law for the order, this power being centered in the delegates or representatives of local orders voting in the supreme body.

The proposed adjustment of rates would increase the premiums paid by U. G. Powell of Lincoln, 420 per cent. In the readjustment those now in the order get no credit for the time they have been members except three years' credit if they go into class B July 1.

Objection is also made on the ground that 80 per cent of the first twelve payments will go for expenses, and leave less for the death or mortality fund than under the old plan. Under the readjustment a member cannot transfer his policy from one class to another except on his attained age.

John C. Snyder, supreme scribe of Crawfordville, Ind., will appear before the auditor. The insurgents in the order first organized at a convention held at Indianapolis, Ind., April 20. The Nebraska state organization of insurgents was organized in January. In the petition filed with the state auditor it is charged that the company is operated for the benefit of a ring.

Lobbyist Files An Expense Account.

Lincoln.—For the first time in the memory of civilized man a Nebraska legislative lobbyist has filed an expense account with the secretary of state. Superintendent Bernard of Atchison, Kas., a Missouri Pacific official, was the man who knocked precedent into smithereens. His filing disclosed expenditures aggregating \$309 for keep of himself and several assistants during the late session.

Yost Appeals Case.

Lincoln.—J. H. Yost of Lincoln, against whom the Marsh-Burke Coal company obtained a judgment for \$23,000, has appealed to the supreme court. The coal company sued for damages, alleging that a conspiracy had been formed to put it out of the coal business because it sold in car load lots direct to consumers in other portions of the state where other coal yards were in existence.

Governor Names Commission.

Lincoln.—Governor Morehead has appointed the following to the commission for the forestation of the sandhills: C. A. Sommer, Lincoln; Woodruff Ball, Valentine, and W. A. Metzger, Roll.

The water power investigation committee has been appointed also and is composed of Representative J. J. McAllister of Dakota City, Prof. G. E. Condra of the State University; C. H. Gustafson, Mead; H. C. Palmer, Clay Center; George Jackson, Nelson.

Telephone Co. Before Commission.

Lincoln.—Officials of the Hooper Telephone company appeared before the state railway commission and urged action compelling the Bell Telephone company to cut over a toll line between Hooper and Fremont on to the consolidated exchange which is being completed as one of the outgrowths of the big telephone merger in this state. It is a species of a physical connection complaint and matters of the move being made by the telephone combine to gobble up everything in sight.

U. S. BOY SCOUTS IN ACTION

Young Lads Help Materially in Assisting in Keeping the City Clean and Healthy.

Boy Scouts Inspecting Building.

America scouting on the fire escape of a big tenement building in Chicago.

These young fellows make it their business as opportunity affords, to assist the city authorities in keeping the city clean and healthy.

They perform this work without increasing the emphy of the people, in fact are cordially welcomed by them wherever they go.

Such a movement deserves emulation in all of our large cities over the entire country.



Boy Scouts Inspecting Building.

Riches used to take wings, but at present writing a touring car seems good enough for them.

Rats are said to do damage estimated at \$3,000,000 in Chicago every year.

Be thrifty on little things like bluing. Don't accept water for bluing. Ask for Red Cross Ball Blue, the extra good value blue. Adv.

Love Eternal.

They that love beyond the world cannot be separated by it.—William Penn.

Submarine Telephony.

Submarine telephony has been accomplished over a distance of 11 miles in England with insulated wires.

The Reason.

"That boat embraces many points in its stops."

"That's why, then, it is always hugging the shore."

At the Dance.

"My friend is a bit sensitive because he is wall-eyed."

"Then steer him straight to the wallflowers."

Point of View.

"They used to call him a bonehead."

"That was before he succeeded."

"Yes. Now they express it differently. They call him a man of hard, solid sense."

Quite So.

"I hear that Jinks and his wife have been having some swell doings at their house."

"I hadn't heard of their entertaining. What functions did they have?"

"They haven't had anything. It's their kids who have the mumps."

The Other View.

"But, confound it all, you autoists certainly believe that pedestrians should stick to their rights, don't you?"

"Sure. But, dod blame it all, what can we do when most of 'em keeps dodging to their lefts?"

Doubtful of God's Power.

"Out of the mouth of babes" frequently come reproaching, regenerating hints of high spiritual value. A little girl whose father was very ill was asked if she had prayed for his recovery. "No," she replied, her innocent eyes wide and solemn. "I did think of it, but then I wondered if it would be any use. I know God's bigger 'n' wiser than people, but I didn't know if he could kill germs."

BEGAN YOUNG.