

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.

MEXICAN TROUBLE.

Manuel Prieto, mayor of Juarez, announces his resignation that he may become collector of customs in the Mexican town. Prieto has been one of the prominent Carranza leaders in northern Mexico.

The joint commission that will make an inventory of the Mexican Railway company preparatory to the return of the line to its stockholders by the government has already begun work.

Carranza government officials expressed curiosity over the delay by the United States government in naming American delegates to the American-Mexican conference on border difficulties.

Five hundred Mexican de facto government telegraph operators in the state of Sonora went on strike. The de facto government branded the strikers as unpatriotic and informed the strikers that they will be executed if they do not return to work.

Special Agent Rodgers reported that two Americans, brothers, named Hamilton, who own ranches in the state of Oaxaca, have been imprisoned in Mexico City and that he is seeking their release. One is accused of having killed a Mexican in 1912.

General Matias Ramos reported to General Trevino at Chihuahua that he had given battle to Villa's personal band, inflicting sharp defeats. Ramos had also captured eight men wounded and a captain killed. His information is that Villa maintains his headquarters at San Juan Bautista, and has less than 400 followers all told.

Charges are being circulated in Mexican official circles, that American mining and other concerns with vast properties in Mexico are refusing to operate in order to help bring about intervention. By refusing to operate, it is charged, the foreign concerns encourage lawlessness and deprive the Carranza government of revenue, in the hope, officials say, that its downfall will ensue, attracting the interference of the United States.

GENERAL.

Six Hawaiian sugar plantations distributed \$491,000 in monthly dividends. Of this amount plantations on the island of Oahu contributed \$300,000.

Newspaper publishers of Philadelphia in view of the practical famine in the news print paper situation decided unanimously to reduce the size of all papers, daily evening and Sunday so as to effect a saving in excess of eighty pages per week.

Following a newspaper crusade against the beer camps and disorderly taxicabs in Des Moines, the taxicab owners have agreed to discharge drivers who have been introducing their passengers to women and taking them to beer camps.

A farmer named Palmer, near Nacoma, Texas, a few days ago plowed up silver bars on his farm variously estimated to be worth from \$100,000 to \$280,000. It is believed the silver bars were left there by Spaniards in the sixteenth or seventeenth century, when they retreated, owing to the assault of Mexicans against them.

The number of cases of infantile paralysis in the United States on August 16, according to a report submitted at a health conference in Washington, is as follows: New Jersey, 1,800 cases; New Hampshire, 7; Delaware, 2; Massachusetts, 300; Maryland, 68; Michigan, 97; Missouri, 11; Montana, 13; Nebraska, 10; Connecticut, 323; Illinois, 230; Indiana, 37; Iowa, 25; Alabama, 64; Colorado, 4; Maine, 14; District of Columbia, 14. New York had shown 6,533 cases since the outbreak of the epidemic in the metropolis, with 1,497 deaths.

Preparations for starting an aviation school at which men will be trained for duty in time of war were begun in Chicago by Captain Joseph A. Morrow of the signal corps of the army.

The Western Union Telegraph company notified its customers that its national distribution service for the delivery of packages will be transferred to another corporation September 1, and thereafter its messengers will collect and deliver telegrams only.

John D. Rockefeller has offered a house on the outskirts of his Pocantico Hills estate, Tarrytown, N. Y., as an isolation hospital for infantile paralysis cases.

The national woman's party in session at Colorado Springs adopted resolutions pleading itself to use its best efforts in the twelve equal suffrage states to defeat the democratic candidate for president and commended the position of Charles Evans Hughes, the republican nominee.

Forty-five provisional regiments, including approximately 50,000 men, have been organized among the veterans of foreign wars of the United States since the sending of state troops to the border.

One in every thirteen Californians has an automobile, according to statistics of the state motor vehicle department at Sacramento.

Fred W. Knapp, Beloit, Kas., won the republican nomination for state auditor over Dan B. Dyer, Smith Center, by a plurality of twenty-two votes.

In Colorado Springs, Colo., the contract for the arena in which the light-weight championship twenty-round bout between Charlie White and Freddie Welsh, to be held Labor day, has been let.

Official figures of the strike vote polled June 16, made public by W. G. Lee, chief of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, in New York, show that 128,812 were cast for a strike and 4,350 against it.

France, England and Russia are making inquiries on the condition of the tungsten market in Colorado, according to Frederick Carroll, state mining commissioner at Denver, and have contracted for 100 tons in the American market.

Frank Wylie, 25 years old, a carpenter of Idaho Falls, Idaho, developed a case of infantile paralysis in Salt Lake City, the first there since the present epidemic began in the country. There is much speculation as to where the man contracted the disease.

At Grand Junction, Colo., O. J. Trumbo, constable, while attempting to serve a summons on an unwilling witness fell sixty feet, breaking both legs and suffering internal injuries. Trumbo had climbed to the roof of the union station to serve papers on a painter.

WASHINGTON.

Formal notification to President Wilson of his nomination will take place September 2. The notification speech will be made by Senator James.

Collections by the internal revenue bureau for the fiscal year ending June 30 reached a total of \$512,723,288, an increase of \$97,042,264 over those for the fiscal year 1915.

President Wilson has signed the agricultural appropriation bill carrying approximately \$27,000,000 and the military academy appropriation bill carrying \$1,225,000.

Considering a stumping tour as incompatible with the dignity of his office, President Wilson will not make a speaking tour, according to Vance McCormick, chairman of the democratic campaign committee.

Proposals to authorize President Wilson to lay an embargo upon exports of print paper, to relieve present shortage, until the federal trade commission reports on the paper situation are contained in a resolution introduced by Representative Hastings of Oklahoma.

While exact figures cannot be computed until the gavel has fallen on the last supply bill of the 64th congress, the aggregate appropriation by congress for all purposes probably will approximate \$1,700,000,000 as against \$1,114,000,000 for the Sixty-third congress.

The national guard is being kept at the border because of a "national emergency." It will be recalled as soon as the emergency disappear and there is a "restoration of order and security on the frontier that will permit their speedy return," declared Secretary Baker recently.

WAR NEWS.

Canada is enlisting men for service in the British navy, a departure in policy, as it was decided at the beginning of the war to confine recruiting in Canada to land forces.

It is reported in Bucharest that Germany has offered territorial compensation to Rumania at the expense of Austria in return for Rumanian neutrality in the war.

The British steamer Whitgift, previously reported missing, now is understood to have been torpedoed and sunk April 20, says Lloyd's. The sole survivor was a Japanese.

The Italian dreadnaught, Leonardo Da Vinci, caught fire and blew up in the harbor of Taranto, Italy, and 300 of its crew were drowned, says a Paris dispatch. The date of the disaster is not given.

British officers' casualty lists continue to show the severity of the fighting on the western front. The losses for one week, July 16 to 23, were 528 killed, 1,070 wounded and 201 missing, a total of 1,799. Since the beginning of the war the British army has lost 10,105 officers killed, 21,290 wounded and 2,462 missing.

An official statement issued in Berlin says that during July seventy-four merchantmen belonging to the entente allies were sunk by German and Austrian submarines and mines. The ships had a total tonnage of 103,000 tons.

German casualties during July, according to a table compiled in London from German casualty lists, totaled 122,540, bringing the grand total since the commencement of the war, taken from the same source, to 3,135,177.

The Turkish government has refused to grant the request of the United States that a neutral committee be permitted to undertake relief work in Syria, where thousands of native Christians are reported to be starving.

Germany and Austria will soon publish a decree, declaring Poland independent, according to advices from Budapest and Vienna. In return, the Poles will be expected to organize a national administration and defend themselves against Russian attacks.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

- Sept. 4 to 7—Nebraska State Fair at Lincoln.
- Sept. 11-15—Southwest Nebraska District Fair at Maywood.
- Sept. 12-16—Central Nebraska Fair at Grand Island.
- Sept. 13—Annual Convention State Federation of Labor at Fremont.
- Sept. 13 to 15—Old Settlers' reunion at Mitchell.
- Sept. 17-22—Women's Christian Temperance Union annual convention at Omaha.
- Sept. 26-Oct. 7—Ak-Sar-Ben Fall Festival at Omaha.
- October 2 to 7—National Swine Show at Omaha.
- Oct. 3 to 6—State Federation of Women's Clubs convention at Hastings.
- October 11-12—State Meeting Grand Lodge Degree of Honor at Lincoln.
- October 17-20—J. O. Q. F. State Convention at Lincoln.

Electric light bonds to the sum of \$4,000 received almost unanimous endorsement by the people of Burchard, Pawnee county, at a special election held in the village last week. The bonds will be issued and sold at once and work begun on the electric light system.

The building of the new \$20,000 Burlington depot at Columbus has commenced. The structure is to be one of the best in Central Nebraska. Forty floats have been completed for the Ak-Sar-Ben electrical parade during the fall festival, September 26 to Oct. 7, at Omaha.

Contract has just been let for a new \$20,000 theater in Columbus. It will be a fireproof structure and will be one of the best and most up-to-date theater buildings in this state, 44x100 feet. Preliminary work has already begun.

Word has been received in Central City that the United States treasury department has accepted the site donated by Heber Hord for a public building to be erected there, located at the southeast corner of Sixteenth avenue and Sixteenth street.

Miss Dorothy Ellsworth, 24 years old, whose fiancé, Shirley Fossler, a Lincoln newspaper man, died in that city, ended her life there by swallowing carbolic acid. Remorse over Fossler's death is believed to have been responsible for the act.

One of the elevators of the Farmers' Equity Exchange at Jansen, collapsed last week, scattering about 4,000 bushels of wheat and about a thousand bushels of corn over the ground.

While the three children of Albert Estler, a rancher residing east of Harrison, were playing on a hay rake the clutch slipped and almost tore two fingers and half of the hand from little Robert.

A young man of North Platte was prosecuted for hauling two beef carcasses in a wagon without being covered to protect them from flies, dust and dirt. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and costs.

E. T. Griggs, caretaker for the Carter Lake club, and Frank Musco, Italian laborer, were overcome by sewer gas in the club sewer pumping station at Omaha, fell into the water and were drowned.

Work is being pushed with vigor on the new Platte river bridge at Kearney. In an effort to finish the structure this year the contractors are keeping up operations twenty-four hours a day.

The board of directors of the York Y. M. C. A. has adopted a resolution eliminating from their reading rooms such papers and periodicals as contain liquor and cigarette advertisements.

The new federal land bank board will hold a hearing in Omaha about September 18 to consider this city's claim to one of the twelve district banks.

There are 38,592 children of school age in Omaha. Last year 29,763 pupils were enrolled in the schools, 1,795 of them being in the night high school.

Contract is to be let in the very near future for the construction of a three-story brick school building at Gilmer.

Work on Havelock's new \$25,000 school building is expected to begin in the next few weeks.

In spite of adverse conditions and the payment of \$1,500 to Madam Schumann-Heink for a single program, the Hastings chautauque, held just recently, paid all expenses. The chautauque will be continued another year.

Nebraska hunters, who were eagerly watching for a month's additional shooting of game birds in March, may be doomed to disappointment. Federal Game Warden R. P. Holland of Kansas intimated during a visit at Lincoln recently.

The Union Pacific railroad has decided to lay a switch for the purpose of hauling coal to the Hastings electric light and water works plant, for lack of which the city has paid out about \$25,000 in transfer charges.

E. D. Beach of Lincoln was elected chairman of the republican state central committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Jesse C. McNish of Omaha.

September 7 has been set as "Omaha day," at the Nebraska state fair at Lincoln. Several thousand Omahans will attend.

Thirty head of horses were burned and damage estimated at over \$10,000 entailed, in a fire that gutted the stables of the Smith Brick Co., at Omaha.

The Nebraska Christian Endeavor Union will hold its annual convention in Omaha this year, the dates being November 2 to 5. An unusually large delegation of members is expected.

Two brothers, John and Adolph Buhlmann, aged 23 and 17, were drowned in the Loup river at Monroe. The tragedy was witnessed by many bathers. Neither victim could swim.

The board of county supervisors of Burt county has let the contract for the erection of the new \$75,000 court house to be built at Tekamah. Burt county never had a county building of its own, as the present shack was donated to it by a few Tekamah citizens. Because of strife between the west and east sides of the county no agreement could ever be reached for a suitable county building, despite the fact that the county valuation is over \$50,000,000.

"Nebraska has the best wheat in the world, and an abundance of it," was the assertion of General Manager Frank Walters of the Northwestern railroad, while discussing business conditions at Omaha recently. "Our freight traffic is heavier than ever before, and shows no sign of letting up. The wheat crop is wonderful, and all eyes are on Nebraska."

Rev. Billy Sunday, the famous evangelist, delivered anti-liquor addresses last week at Grand Island to an audience of 7,000, at North Platte to 4,500 people, and at Omaha to an assemblage estimated at close to 9,000. His audiences in every case pledged itself to fight to make Nebraska a "dry" state this fall.

The Kearney canning factory has started its machinery and the regular run has now commenced. Everything is in tip-top shape for the season's work and a good run is expected. The factory has over three hundred acres of sweet corn contracted for and also one hundred acres of tomatoes, but much more can be handled.

One thousand prize-winning Chester White hogs will be shown at the National Swine Show at Omaha, October 2 to 7. F. L. Barber of Harlan, Ia., a member of the board of directors, has reserved space for that many hogs. In addition he made hotel reservations for eighty-five breeders, who will come from every state in the union.

C. N. Nichols, a farmer residing near Wauneta, threshed ten acres of wheat that yielded 517 bushels. He has 300 acres in wheat and has just completed threshing 160 acres that averaged 35 bushels. The ten acres were especially prepared as an experiment.

The automobile display at the Nebraska state fair at Lincoln, Sept. 4 to 7, is going to exceed anything ever before seen in this state, is the opinion of Secretary Mellor. The largest dealers have engaged all available space and additional facilities are needed.

The \$1,750,000 "good roads" bond issue voted by the people of Douglas county at the recent primary election was declared invalid by District Judge Leslie in a decision handed down at Omaha. He denied the proposition had received a legal majority of votes cast. An appeal will be taken.

The annual Southwest Nebraska District fair will be held at Maywood September 11 to 1. General Superintendent W. P. Withrow of the fair association has made arrangements with several tractor companies to be at Maywood during fair week with exhibitors.

Gage county swine breeders have organized the Gage county hog cholera control association, the purpose of which is to prevent the spread of the plague in the county.

Three young men of North Platte were fined \$105 and costs, fine and costs to be split by the trio, by County Judge French, for shooting prairie chickens out of season.

A special election has been called for September 12th by the city council of Chadron to vote on a \$15,000 bond proposition for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a city hall.

The official government report of rainfall at Oshkosh for the past four months shows the following: April 1.06; May 2.69; June 1.60; July 2.57. Making a total of nearly eight inches.

The York Electric and Gas Co. was transferred to the Public Service Co. of Delaware, according to a mortgage filed with the register of deeds in the sum of \$1,000,000.

Recent rains have so changed sweet corn conditions that the management of a Hastings cannery announced that its factory will soon be opened.

The Masonic order of Alliance has just let a contract for the rebuilding of their home in that city. The work will cost about \$15,000.

Merchants of Pickrel and stockholders of the Farmers' Elevator of the town will hold a joint picnic on September 14.

Work has commenced on the new church building being erected by the newly organized Nazarene congregation at Beatrice.

When Mrs. Anna Towie, postmistress at South Bend, opened the office the other morning she discovered that \$100 had been stolen from a waste-paper basket she used in lieu of a safe. The thief had not disturbed the stamps.

A petition signed by 750 voters of Beatrice has been filed with the city commissioners asking that the present ordinance which prohibits Sunday amusements be so amended that it will permit Sunday moving picture shows.

Miss Edna Work, assistant principal of the Hastings high school, has accepted the position of assistant principal of the State Normal school at Chadron.

The construction on the new \$50,000 high school building at Plattsmouth will be commenced early next week. It will be one of the finest school buildings in eastern Nebraska.

A pure seed exhibit will be one of the features of the coming state fair at Lincoln, Sept. 4 to 7. An exhibit in charge of a competent seed expert will be placed in one of the buildings.

Audubon and Humane societies of Nebraska are protesting to Secretary of Agriculture Houston against the proposed extension of the open season on game in the middle states from February 9 to March 11.

Five persons were injured, two seriously and one probably fatally, when the Capitol hotel of Lincoln collapsed. The hotel is an old landmark of the city and was built in 1876.

Pioneers and old settlers of Dakota county will hold their thirty-fifth annual reunion at Dakota City on August 31.

MARCHED IN REVIEW

LINE OF MARCH EXTENDED OVER TWO MILES.

REFUSES TO DISSOLVE ORDER

Items of General Interest Gathered From Reliable Sources Around the State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Nine thousand troops of the Nebraska, Indiana and Minnesota National Guards, including all their units, marched in review before General Parker, commander of the Brownsville district, at Camp Llano. In the reviewing stand were General Parker, General Lewis, camp commander, and General O'Ryan, commander of the famous Seventy-fourth New York regiment. It was by far the most impressive sight that has yet taken place. The line of march extended over two miles.

Officers and men of the two Nebraska regiments are being rapidly whipped into shape and it is expected that within a few weeks they will be ready to relieve the regulars on patrol duty along the Rio Grande. Under the instructions of Lieutenant Joe Baxter, assigned to the Fourth, and Lieutenant Ritchel, assigned to the Fifth, United States army instructors, the two Nebraska organizations are showing remarkable development.

Camp Llano Now Has a Laundry.

"The Three Lungs—Washing Done at All Times." This sign appears in the rear of the company street of Company C, Omaha, under Captain Tode. It has been difficult to get laundry work done in camp. Prices have been exorbitant. So Sergeant James Morin decided to start a laundry. His two assistants are Perry Howard and Tim M. McCarty. They are known as: Sing One Lung, Sing Two Lung and Sing Three Lung. They do work only for members of their own company and officers of the Fourth regiment. Their prices are from 2 to 5 cents cheaper than the prices of the regular laundry. The men work in the laundry when off duty. They receive 40 per cent of the profits while their company receive 60 per cent. Morin stated today that he has averaged about \$5 a day since beginning work. Their equipment consists of a washing machine, three tubs, two washboards, a stove, clothes pins and clothes line. They call for and deliver laundry.

Refuses to Dissolve the Order.

Holding that the matters involved are of such importance as to require a regular hearing before the entire bench, the four judges of the Nebraska supreme court, who recently granted a restraining order to prevent opponents of Mrs. Emma B. Manchester from interfering with her administration as supreme guardian of the Woodmen Circle, have declined to modify the writ so as to permit impeachment proceedings to be brought against her, and acted upon by the executive council, with the object of removing her from office.

The court reserves its ruling upon the application of the Manchester faction until all the judges are present to hear it. This means that nothing more will be done in the case until some time in the fall. Several of the judges are absent on their vacations, and the regular sittings of supreme court will not be resumed until the middle of September.

It was the object of the restraining order, says the written statement filed by the four judges, to preserve the status quo until a regular hearing could be had. They think it would be improper to allow one contending party to remove the other party from office while the action is pending, especially when only a bare majority of the court is here to consider the case. If either party should attempt to violate the restraining order, the court will take such action as may be required to prevent it, the ruling says.

White Kherson Oats Yield Well.

A new strain of Kherson oats, white in color, recently developed by the Nebraska State Experiment Station at Lincoln, has been found to give a greater yield than the ordinary yellow Kherson oat. Ten acres of the new strain yielded 85 bushels to the acre.

Students Allowed to Return Home.

All members of the national guard mustered into the service of the United States, who can show a bona fide intention of entering or returning to colleges or schools at the beginning of the fall term in 1916, will be discharged as soon as possible, after the first of September, unless the military commander at that time be such as to render their retention in the service necessary. This order from the secretary of war, has reached Camp Llano Grande.

Started a Fund for Old Soldiers.

Sergeant Otto Penner, Company B, Fourth, has received a box of fine fudge from four girl friends in Omaha. The box also contained four cents. "These will tide you over until pay day," the girls wrote. That night Sergeant Penner invited the entire regiment out for dinner. What remained of the four cents will be turned over to some old soldiers' home. Sergeant Archie Welton, also Company B, has received a large number of magazines which are being enjoyed by members of the company.

German Books for University Library.

Two hundred and forty-two volumes of books on subjects of history, science and philosophy for the University of Nebraska will arrive in Lincoln within a short time from Berlin, Germany, according to a report received by Earl R. Birge, deputy collector of the United States customs. The new books are to be placed in the university library. According to Mr. Birge the shipment is made to the educational institution without the customs fee.

RECORD FOR SPEED.

Nebraska Amongst First to Get to the Front.

Nebraska holds the record for being one of the first states to get its entire quota of national guardsmen "to the border," says Adjutant General Phil Hall in a statement, following his return from Washington, where he settled accounts for the mobilization camp with the war department. "Mobilization was accomplished at less cost than in most other states, too," he points out.

The adjutant general is enthusiastic over the chances of this state securing an aeroplane for its aviation corps from the war department. The war department will spend \$500,000 on the western division, of which Nebraska is a member, General Hall says.

General Hall is anxious to have this state made a permanent headquarters of one company, with a permanent aero field. There will be three companies in the division, which comprises Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri and Kansas.

Asks Aid in Fire Prevention Work.

State Fire Commissioner W. S. Ridgell has issued a bulletin announcing that the fire losses for the month of July in Nebraska amounted to \$114,837. The amount paid in insurance for these losses was \$114,815. He says: "The conserving of life and property from destruction by fire is a worthy progressive movement. When we can get every community in the state to realize these facts, they will help us to convict and mete out proper punishment to the 'incendiary,' and to deal with the criminally careless without waste of sympathy, and thus aid the state fire commission and the local fire department in their fire prevention work. If the citizens of each city and town in the state will interest themselves in eliminating the needless, careless and neglectful fires, in a year our fire losses can be reduced 75 per cent."

But Few Nebraska Students.

There are not a great many college men in the two Nebraska regiments. Just across the imaginary line that separates the Nebraska regiments from the Indiana organizations in Camp Llano Grande, however, are a large number of college students. The college man, generally speaking, makes a good soldier. He is orderly, neat in appearance, is a great fellow to reason out things for himself, seldom complains about food or conditions, works when there is work to be done and plays whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Several Nebraskans Receive Discharge.

Some of the Nebraska men are receiving their discharges because of dependent relatives, and will return to their homes. The first Nebraskans to be discharged are: John C. Hoff and Emil R. Herman, both of supply department Fourth regiment, Wisner; Artificer Fred Tramer, Company I, Fourth; Joseph V. Miller and James W. Pence, both of Company A, Fifth regiment. Other discharges are expected to follow soon.

Puts Ban on "Fake" News.

Soldier boys along the border who persist in sending home false or exaggerated reports of camp conditions will be subject to court-martial and heavy penalty, according to a recent order from General Parker, in command of the Brownsville district.

The order has been received at Camp Llano Grande and sent out to the various companies in the two Nebraska regiments by Captains Poucher and Burneister.

Getting Hardier and Healthier.

The men at Llano Grande are getting harder and healthier every day. There is less sickness, it is said, than in any other concentration camp of its size in the country. It is fine proof of the healthfulness of this valley in spite of passing the U. S. examination, developing into brawny stalwart chaps, who will surprise the mothers and sweethearts when they go home.

Revoked Agent's License.

Perry Anthony's license as an insurance agent has been revoked by the state insurance board after a hearing on charges brought against him that he had misrepresented the terms of the insurance he was selling in the territory around Sargent. The board held the evidence brought before it justified the cancellation of the license.

Will Accept the Abstract.

The state board of assessment has decided to accept the second abstract of assessment submitted to it by County Assessor Philbin of Greeley county. His first abstract was not signed and his second differed slightly from the first and did not contain the usual statement that the assessment had been equalized by the county board. The county board presented an abstract of its own which was one cent an acre lower than the valuation reported by the county assessor.

Held 8-Cent Banquet.

San Antonio, Tex.—"That was one of the finest meals I ever had," said Governor Dunne of Illinois at the conclusion of what was called an 8-cent banquet given in his honor by the men of the First Illinois Infantry at Camp Wilson.

Select Colorado Springs.

Baltimore.—By a unanimous vote, the convention here of the International Typographical union selected Colorado Springs, Colo., as the place of the 1917 convention.

Probe Horse Poisoning Plot.

Fort Madison, Ia.—Investigation of an alleged plot to poison horses consigned to agents of the entente allies, has begun by officials of the Santa Fe railroad. Officers assert they found evidence which tended to show that the horses had been given poison.

Condemn Industrial Commission.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—Resolutions condemning the State Industrial commission and demanding the repeal of the law which created it were adopted by the State Federation of Labor.

VETOES ARMY BILL

WILSON OBJECTS TO EXEMPTION OF RETIRED OFFICERS.

LONG FIGHT IS ANTICIPATED

Contest Threatens to Delay Adjournment and Completion of the Preparedness Program.

Washington.—The army appropriation bill was unexpectedly vetoed by President Wilson because he would not accept certain principles in the revision of the articles of war forced into the bill by the house conferees and commonly said in army circles to be in the interest of certain retired officers "at outs with the army."

Chairman Hay of the house military committee reintroduced the bill with the entire section revising the articles of war stricken out and the declaration that no revisions at all would go through with the bill in this congress. Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military committee announced that the senate would reinstate the revision approved by the president and the War department, but stricken out in the house and the situation had resolved itself into a contest between the senate and house on one hand and Mr. Hay on the other. The tangle threatens to delay the adjournment of congress, and incidentally, completion of the preparedness program, as well as to hold up appropriations for army increases and all the extra expenditures involved in the Mexican service. The bill as reintroduced is now in the hands of the house military committee and there is an agreement to take it up and expedite the continental army and universal training plans and the substitution of National Guard reorganization, which it opposed. Army officers say certain features of the bill were injected into conference and never were debated on the floor of either house of congress. The articles of war have not been revised in 100 years and are said to be sadly deficient for dealing with conditions which the growth of the army and the development of the nation requires. The War department is especially anxious for changes to enable army officers to deal adequately with problems arising during the present Mexican service. Included in the revision worked out by congress over the objection of the president and the War department was a provision which exempted retired officers from courts martial and army discipline if not actually from army control, and placed them under the jurisdiction of the civil courts.

Takes Shot at Commerce Body.

Lincoln, Neb.—In denying a request of the Burlington railroad for permission to increase certain freight rates, the Nebraska State Railway commission severely criticises the Interstate Commerce commission. The Burlington asked for leave to raise the rate on live stock from Henry, Neb., to Omaha. "The state commission declared in part: 'The federal authorities are undertaking to do by a roundabout method, i. e., via the Shreveport method, what the federal commerce commission prohibits, and in their hurried efforts to remove so-called unlawful discriminations between border cities, both of which are located in one state, and by so doing, undertake to foreclose the free and independent action of the legally authorized state authorities from establishing just, reasonable and non-discriminatory rates for the transportation of commodities between points located wholly within the state.'