# **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.

## WAR NEWS.

The French armored cruiser Gaulois was torpedoed in the Mediterrean sea on December 27 and sank in a half hour, with a loss of four lives,

In the month of November the allied powers lost 138 mechant ships of a total of 314,500 gross tons "by the war measures of the central pow-

During the year just closed 178,537 men were recruited in Canada, or nearly half the total of 385,955 since the outbreak of the war.

Three thousand prisoners, six cannon and more than twenty machine guns fell before the advancing Teutonic forces in Wallachia on December 29, according to a Vienna official statement.

The British transport Ivernia has been sunk, and one hundred and fifty military officers and men are missing, according to an official announcement by the British admiralty.

artillery-about 1,500 men-with the exception of 50 men, was lost when the Finnish steamship Oihonne struck a mine near the Gulf of Finland. . . .

The entente governments, in reply. fuse to consider the proffer and de- border. declared it is insincere and ineffective. The suggested conference without note says, but is rather a war man-

Comments of the German papers on reon. the entente reply to the German peace proposals indicate the universal conviction that peace now is impossible and that the central powers must conutmost vigor,

The increase in the national debt of ify the Atlantic City protocol. Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany and Austria-Hungary is estimated at \$49,455,000,000 from the beginning of the war to the latter part of tends only to May, 1916.

In 1916 75,500 Germans were cap- de facto forces. tured by the French and 40,000 by the British, while in Serbia and Mace. donia the entente allied army took made prisoners of 52,250 Austrians, while the Russians captured more than 400,000 Germans and Austrians.

## GENERAL.

The South Dakota supreme court unconstitutional

1916, or approximately \$1,000,000,000 barrassing. more than in 1915.

The first Domestic Servants' union reported organization east of the Missouri river has been formed at Duluth, Minn., with 100 charter members.

Eleven School children were killed, sey, Wyo. four probably fatally hurt and eight seriously injured when a tornado wrecked the Vreton rural school Lieutenant Colonel Chester Harding bouse near McAlester, Oklahoma.

Pacific railway system recently announ: d it had placed on the lives of its employes covers 40,000 persons and amounts to \$30,000,000.

Nearly half a million dollars to guard against infantile paralysis in Chicago next summer is the request made of the city council finance com-

mittee by health authorities. Two million oranges, much too ripe for consumption, were destroyed in New York by a squad under the supervision of Lucius P. Brown, head of

the bureau of foods and drugs of the department of health. Under giant Mount MacDonald, in the Selkirks of British Columbia, the

Canadian Pacific railway has just completed the longest double track mountain tunnel in the western hemisphere. The tunnel is over five miles long and cost over \$1,000,000.

The death rate for 1916 in New York was the lowest on record, according to a report issued by the department of health. With a population estimated at 5,624,841 there were 77,-861 deaths in the year.

Juan T. Burns, consul general at New York for the de facto government, was arrested by federal officers charged with shipping arms into Mexico in violation of President Wilson's embargo proclamation of October. 1915, and with evasion of customs regulations.

Forty-five women immates and one sister of the St. Ferdinand de Halifax insane asylum at St. Ferdinand de Hallfax Canada, lost their lives when

Industrial accidents in Pennsylva-Industrial accidents in Pennsylva-nia during 1916 totaled 251,488, of which 2,587 resulted fatally, according to statistics just made public.

Ad Santel, Pacific coast champion heavyweight grappler, will go on the mat at San Francisco February 22 with Joe Stecher of Nebraska, it was

Breaking all its coinage records, the Philadelphia mint during 1916 produced 238,469,769 domestic coins in denominations ranging from 1 cent to half dollars and valued at \$9,344,266. . . .

Eleven persons were killed and 40 injured when a train loaded with persons returning after the New Year holiday collided with a switch engine ten miles outside Edinburg, Scotland

to have been drowned in Clermont, Quneensland, Australia, by a flood which washed away the main street and all the houses in low lying places.

The coronation of Emperor Charles and Empress Zita of Austria as king and queen of Hungary, took place December 30 in St. Mathay church at | in making the vote 48 to 17. Budapest.

Fifty-four persons were lynched in tive. the United States in 1916. Fifty of the victims were negroes and four white persons, and included in the record are three negro women.

More than one billion dollars net income from operations was made by the railroads of the country during year now closing. Statistics the gathered by the interstate commerce commission complete for nine months indicate that the total net income from operations will be approximately An entire Russian regiment of coast \$1,098,000,000 for the entire year.

## MEXICAN TROUBLE.

Villa followers have captured and looted the town of Sabinas, Hidalgo, between Laredo and Monterey, acing to Germany's peace proposal, re- cording to advices reaching the

After levying a "war loan" of conditions is not a peace offer, the 100,000 pesos on the city, Villa has evacuated Torreon, according to reports at Juarez. Villa harmed no foreigners or their property in Tor-

Continuation of the conference of the Mexican-American joint commission without regard to the question tinue to prosecute the war with the of withdrawing American troops from Mexico is proposed by General Carranza in his message refusing to rat-

One hundred and forty prisoners were taken, twenty-five were killed and a large quantity of loot taken 1916, except in the case of Austria- from Chihuahua City by Francisco Hungary, in which the estimate ex- Villa, was recovered by a Carranza force, near Guerrero when the 600 Villa followers were defeated by the

Adherents of Francisco Villa are already arranging details of a Mexican 11 173 Bulgarian and Turk prisoners. provisional government, to be set up During the same period the Italians by the bandit chief, and a tentative seat of government has been chosen. according to information in the hands of United States authorities on the

Increasing evidence that General Carranza's government is being mendecided the state tax laws under aced by bands of insurgents, coupled which express companies are taxed is with the prospect that the first chief will not accept the Atlantic City proocol has brought the Mexican situa-Exports of American manufactures tion to a stage that is causing growand commodities through the port of ing concern in Washington. Officials New York were \$2,785,331,906 in admit that the conditions are em-

## WASHINGTON.

Senator Hitchcock has introduced a bill appropriating \$800,000 for the construction of a dam and reservoir in the North Platte river, near Guern-

President Wilson has nominated army engineer corps, to be governor of the Panama canal zone, to succeed The insurance which the Union Major General Gothels, who resigned, . . .

> A bill to patent to the regents of the University of Nebraska 800 acres of land adjoining the agricultural experiment station at Scottsbluff, Neb., was introduced in the house by Congressman Kinkaid. The land is to be used for dry farming experimentation.

> Almost nine billion dollars was the aggregate value of all crops of the country last year. In an estimate an nounced by the department of agriculture, the exact value was set at \$8,934,587,000. That was an increase of \$2,165,989,000 over the value of 1915 crops.

> The problem of raising additional revenue for the government to avoid the threatened deficit at the end of the next fiscal year has assumed such proportions that administration leaders are considering the advisability of placing tariff duties on commodities now on the free list.

Exports from the United States during the eleven months of 1916, ending November 30, jumped more than a billion and three-quarters in value for the same period of 1915, the department of commerce announced.

Prompt consideration in congress of President Wilson's proposed railway legislation was predicted after announcement of the termination of conferences between railroad and brotherhood heads in New York in an unsuccessful attempt to settle their differences.

Railroad legislation, deficiency bills and possible oral outcroppings re. garding Mexican affairs and European peace developments may make an

WILSON'S REQUEST FOR TERMS APPROVED BY SENATE.

# **VILLISTAS SUFFER HEAVILY**

De Facto Forces Defeat Rebels at Jiminez-Many Carloads of Loot Taken at Torreon Recovered

Washington.-At the conclusion of three days of stirring debate, the United States senate voted to indorse President Wilson's note requesting a One hundred persons are believed statement of peace terms from the warring powers of Europe.

Action came with dramatic suddenness when democratic leaders decided to accept a form of resolution that would not commit the senate to indorsement of the whole of the president's note and ten republicans of the progressive group joined the majority

Senator Martine of New Jersey was the only democrat to vote in the nega-

Discussion of the subject had reached a climax during the day with a sensational declaration by Senator Lewis, chief spokesman for the democrats, replying to republican criticism of the president's course.

Without referring directly to the submarine controversy, the senator said that the United States could not keep out of the war if it continued and that America would not again accept misconception of orders or zeal of an officer as an excuse for an injury to a citizen or property.

The chief objection urged against the original resolution offered by Senator Hitchcock was that it would indorse the president's offer to join in a movement to guarantee world peace and his declaration of the interest of the United States in small nations. Progressive republicans joined Senator Lodge and others in this conten-

The resolution adopted was proposed by Senator Jones, republican of Washington, and was accepted by Senator Hitchcock as a substitute for his own. Text of Resolution.

It resolves: "The senate approves and strongly indorses the request by the president in the diplomatic notes of December 18 to the nations now engaged in war that those nations state the terms

Villa Forces Worsted at Jiminez. Chihuahua City, Mexico.-Villa was defeated at Jiminez January the 4th by General Francisco Murguia with a loss of 1,500 rebels dead, wounded and captured, with the noted rebel

from the Carranza commander, General Murguia stated that his command pushed back Villa's troops five miles after coming into contact. Machine guns are credited with playing an important part in the offensive. in which both cavalry and infantry were heavily engaged. Villa according to the report, personally led repeated cavalry attacks against Murguia's infantry, which was checked

with heavy losses. Besides Villa's heavy losses in men, horses, ammunition, arms and other war material, General Murguia claims the recovery of many carloads of the loot brought by the Villa troops from Torreon, Government cavalry is said to have killed about fifty members of Villa's bodyguard.

Earthquake Kills Three Hundred. Tokio-Three hundred persons were killed and many injured by an earthquake in central Formosa, according to a special dispatch from Taihoku. the capital of Formosa. One thousand

houses were destroyed. The city of Nanto has been dam-

aged extensively by fire. The island of Formosa lies between the Philippine islands and Japan and is owned by Japan. The city of Nanto is in the central part of the island, about 100 miles south of Taihoku.

Worst Blizzard Known. Bismarck, N. D .- One of the worst blizzards in North Dakota history gripped the central part of the state early this week with a snowfall of seventeen inches in twenty-four hours, breaking the record of the fall during the great blizzard twenty years ago.

Burgomaster Threatens to Quit. Geneva .- The burgomaster of Vienna, Dr. Weiskirchner, threatens to resign if Hungary continues to refuse to send food to Vienna, according to reports received here.

Packing Firm Makes 20 Million. 000,000 and net profits of \$20,465,000 were shown in the report of Swift & Co., packers, for the year ending September 30, 1916, submitted to the stockholders of the company at their annual meeting here.

Twenty-two Are Drowned. London.-A dispatch from Amsterdam says that twenty-two women and children were drowned through the sinking of a ferryboat in a collision on the Moselle near Bellstein.

Fear of Strikes Diminishing. Duluth, Minn.-Ten of the logging camps of the Virginia & Rainy Lake Lumber company are working full crews and fear of the spread of the Industrial Workers of the World strike, it is declared, has begun to

Employees to Get Bonus Chicago.-A bonus of from one to five weeks' salary, in proportion to the length of service of the employe, it. It's been ordered by the directors.

## **CONDENSED NEWS**

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

POLICE PUR COMING EVENIA January 15-20-State Improved Live

Stock association meeting at Lincoln. Jan. 15 to 20-Organized Agriculture

Annual Meeting at Lincoln. January 16-Nebraska Association of Fair Managers' Meeting at Lincoln. January 16-17-18-Annual convention of Nebraska Volunteer Firemen at

Auburn, January 16-19-Winter Apple, Floral and Potato Show at Lincoln. Jan. 19-Northeast Nebraska Editorial

Meeting at Norfolk. Jan. 24-25-Nebraska League of Muni. icipalities convention at Hastings. Feb. 7-8-9-Nebraska Retail Lumber Dealers' Association Convention at

Omaha. February 15-State Volleyball Contest at York.

The Union Stock Yards company field seeking to be chosen as headof South Omaha just finished the greatest year in its history. The total receipts of live stock of all kinds a good roads fund, of which \$8,in 1916 was 7,664,195 head. This re- 500,000 is apportioned to the district markable showing assures South of Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Mis-Omaha its position as the second souri. The condition is that before stock market in the world. It leads the federal money is available for Kansas City for second place by over 500,000 head of all kinds of stock. must appropriate an amount of mon-Chicago is the leading market of the ey equal to the amount of federal universe. October was the banner money it seeks to use. month in cattle receipts, 225,511 head being received; February the best for fic announced at Omaha that his hogs, with 402,152 head; during September the most sheep were register- ture of \$14,180,848 on the system in ed, 530,092 head; and the mule re- 1917 This sum covers but three ceipts were the most in September, classifications of the entire yearly the total being 3.332. Receipts for the entire twelve months are: Cattle, in the history of the road. Nearly 1,443,581; hogs, 3,021,927; sheep, 3,171,364, and mules, 27,333.

Thirty newspaper men and business men, associates or friends of Norris A. Huse of the Norfolk Daily News, gathered at the Hotel Fontenelle, produced 105,000,000 pounds of sugar Omaha, where they tendered Mr. during that year. Officially the aver- formation, to the knowledge that the Huse a farewell banquet on the eve of his departure for New York City sugar in the course of a year, Since where he is to become vice president the last census of this state shows a of the American Press Association.

awhile longer before they enjoy municipal water. After the mains had been laid, all connections put in, etc., it was learned that the well was insufficient to supply the water, and now a new well will have to be sunk before the supply of water can be turned on.

A piece of an oak tree 5x18 inches was presented to the Hartington library by J. C. Smith, which had upon which peace might be discussed." grown around the blade of an old pocket knife. It is thought that the knife was stuck into the tree some fifty years ago, when it was a sappling. The curiosity was found near Hartington by Mr. Smith.

E. M. von Saggern has purchased the West Point Republican from leader, Martin Lopez, and another James C. Elliott. Mr. von Saggern Villa general among the slain, accord- was formerly editor of the West Point ing to an official report received here Volksblatt, a German publication, which has suspended publication. Mr. Elliott has taken up the duties of county attorney of Cuming county.

The Northeast Nebraska Automobile Owners' association, embracing the territory which extends as far north as Niobrara, east to Fremont and south to Columbus, was organized at Norfolk just recently. The purpose of the organization is to pro. tect auto owners against theft.

Ronald Shoemaker, 7, and Walter Apfel, 14, were run over and fatally injured by a Northwestern switch engine at Norfolk. The two boys were riding together on a sled and reached the railroad crossing at the same time as the engine. Both boys were terribly mangled

Plans for the new Gage county jail were submitted to the board of supervisors and accepted by the board. The plans call for a two-story structure with basement. The cost will be

about \$25,000 Three thousand two hundred new cars of all kinds have been ordered by the Union Pacific railroad, beside this 900 new refrigerator cars are to the last named \$9,214.01. be built in its own shops at Omaha.

Levi D. Phipps, deputy grand custodian of the Masonic lodge of Nebraska, died at his home in Tekamah, of their license May 1. just recently.

Five hundred dollars an acre was the price paid for a 160-acre farm adjoining the city of Seward.

A Beatrice coal dealer states that hard coal is very scarce in the city, and some of the dealers are charging as high as \$16 per ton, as against \$11.50 last winter. The dealer states a reading room in order that men that should a severe cold spell come. it would be next to impossible to supply the city with this variety of fuel.

Madison County Farmers' association, which employs the county agent, has decided to retain that official and delegates of the body are desirous of securing a woman agent matter will come up for decision at for home economic work.

Seventeen Omaha saloons went out of business the first of the year, hav-Chicago, Ill.—Gross sales of \$575, ing failed to apply for renewal of cost of \$98,000. Work will begin in of their licenses for the four months the spring. The state will bear one yet to run before state-wide prohibi- half the cost of the structure and tion goes into effect.

> All bids for the new government under way at Table Rock, and will continue for a month or more. The building to be used for the federal court and postoffice at Chadron have various churches of the town have united in the movement. amount appropriated by congress. The Presbyterian church of Aurora has lifted its entire debt and its mem-

Leslie of Omaha, vice president; Good

A series of revival meetings are

the first to be established in the city, hership celebrated the occasion by will be opened about January 15. burning the mortgage. Lancaster county appears to have Nineteen district judges of Nebraska got together during the State Bar hung up a record in 1916 in the way of permits to wed and to separate. association convention at Omaha and perfected an organization of their The county clerk issued 1.044 marown, the first of its kind in the state's riage licenses during the year, while history. Judge Corcoran of York was only 214 divorces were granted in the elected president of the new body;

Grand Island, secretary. The judges record, it is believed. All records for a single year's buildwill meet again in Lincoln in the near ing operations in Omaha were broken Fire destroyed the building of the in 1916, the total value being \$7,253,-000. The largest previous year was in houses. One thinks, too, of the great Boston Evening Transcript. Clark Drug company at Fremont, with

The famous Arizona wlid horse case,

which has been on trial in United

States court at Omaha for the last

three weeks, ended when the jury re-

turned a verdict finding nine of the

eleven defendants guilty and two not

guilty. Indictments are yet outstand-

ing against seventeen others, some of

whom will be brought to trial, while

others of the seventeen will be dis-

missed. Those found guilty were: J.

S. Smith, C. A. Smith, John Bolecy

and C. M. Thompson, Omaha; J. P.

Shircliff, Sauk Center, Minn.; R. B.

Burwinkle, Des Moines, Iowa.; W.

Hinkley, Brayton, S. D.; Albert A.

Hastings, Silver Creek, Neb.; and

Charles W. West, Lincoln. The

charge upon which the indictments

were returned is that of conspiring to

use the mails to defraud, the penalty,

upon conviction, being a fine up to

\$10,000, or imprisonment for two

Omaha has been selected as head-

quarters for the fifth federal good

roads' division, which comprises the

states of Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and

Missouri. Kansas City was in the

quarters for the fifth district. The

federal government has appropriated

road building in any state, that state

President Calvin of the Union Paci-

company contemplated the expendi-

budget, which is said to be the largest

\$700,000 of the above sum is to be

spent in Omaha, \$250,000 in Grand Is.

summer. The trade name of the min-

eral is ochre, and is what is usually

used as a pigment in paints. It re-

sembles clay, and the size of the de-

posit appears to be unlimited, accord-

The Hastings Y. M. C. A. building

reopened the first of the year. The

postmaster and proprietor of West

beter than \$500,000 of improvements

in North Platte, the highest figure for

improvements of any city of its class

Auburn invested \$200,000 in per-

manent improvements during the year

of agriculture in Washington

time when they come to town.

the next state meeting.

will pay one-fourth each:

A well defined movement, support-

ed by Hastings teachers, has been

started in the west end of the state

to split the Nebraska State Teachers'

association into two divisions. The

A new bridge over the Platte river

south of Yutan will be erected at a

the counties of Douglas and Saunders

Madison's new hospital, which is

in the state for the twelve months.

land, and \$43,500 in North Platte

pounds.

ing to reports.

vated and repaired.

the Omaha market.

years, or both.

AMERICAN SECRETARIES OF STATE.

## SURPRISING TO FOREIGNERS

No Intimation of What the Government Intends to Do in Matters of Diplomacy Ever Is Given to the People.

By GEORGE CLINTON. Washington. - Ordinarily there is retary of state. Let haste be made to men there stationed. say that dumb is used here simply in

the sense of "speaks not." Most people have in mind, probably, the recent speaking twice in one day of Secretary of State Lansing. It was world is not only amazed but staggered, and a part of the rest of the world with it. The truth is that from the dawn of the first day of the republic American secretaries of state remained dumb so far as the public is concerned on every diplomatic project until the hour came to lay the thing before the world.

Foreigners who come to Washington are more than surprised because the American people do not demand, or seemingly even do not care to have, advance information of what the state department intends to do.

President Wilson's appeal for peace fell on the ears of an astonished world. Scarcely anyone had the slightest idea that he was to speak. His secretary of state maintained the stony silence of a good servant, although, according to his own statement later, the matter was under discussion for weeks. English People Want to Know.

Washington students of conditions The United States statistical abaccount for the readiness of the Amerstract for 1915 states that Nebraska ican people to let the state department alone and not to ask for advance inage person consumes 83 pounds of people have that if they do not like what an administration does through its state department they can get rid The citizens of Miller must wait plies sugar for its population with an said recently in Washington that the of music and 392,905 prints. annual export of over 1,000,000 people in his country always insist that when some big thing is to be done A valuable paint mineral is said to have been discovered on the Y. E. Skidmore farm south of Ewing last vance.

The American public did not know until less than a year ago how close we were to having war with a Europresident.

The American people did not know in advance anything about Grover

having been secured. During the period which the association's building our state department comes out like a was closed, it was thoroughly reno- Jack from its Box. The American Colonel J C. Elliott, county attorney of Cuming county and the former | be punched.

partment daily and have been going Point Republican, has been appointed a member of the West Point city Winter wheat sold for \$1.92 a bushel on the floor of the Omaha Grain Exchange last week, the highest price ever paid for that variety of grain on The city council of Red Cloud has accepted from W. T. Auld, head | tention to give to the world its peace | beautiful bits of sculpture, its carvings of the Corn Exchange bank in Omaha. appeal, or, rather, its request to the a gift of \$20,000 for a library site, beiligerents to make known the terms upon which peace might be acceptbuilding and equipment for the city. The year of 1916 saw the placing of

Uncle Sam's New Islands.

which are still known as the Danish the adjective Danish.

1916. A number of important im-Both houses of Denmark's parliaprovements are being planned for this ment have approved the sale of the islands to the United States. Our own The taxes of the two railroads opersenate already has given its approval, ating in Nemaha county, the Missouri Pacific and the Burlington, have been have taken place the administration paid in, the first paying \$9,802.86, and will ask congress for the purchase price, \$25,000,000, and will ask also It is reported that the Grand Island for the passage of a bill for the proper Brewing company will manufacture institution of an American territorial taken from the engraved plates of "near beer" following the expiration form of government in the acquired is-

Nebraska is the fourth state in the This approval of the sale of the Danunion in crop value, according to the ish West Indies brings the Panama report just issued by the department canal and its provinces again into public notice. Within a few days congress has been told that the isthmian Beatrice parties are promoting a movement for a rest room for men. It is planned to rent a building, equip it with chairs and tables, and open purposes, or, failing to seize it, might may have a place to while away their

> use by the United States. the adequate fortifying and garrison- not only for the burean which eming of the Isthmian Canal zone. Big ploys him, but for the congressional guns already are in place on the is- library. It was he who bought the lands off the two ocean entrances, the | Chinese, Japanese and Korean collec-Atlantic and the Pacific. It may be, tions to add to the shelves of the Mas some army officers view it, that the brary.

present forts outlying the waterway entrances are strong enough to hold off any navy which might attempt to approach the canal. Of course any enemy trying to get to the canal by sea would necessarily first be com-THAT IS NORMAL CONDITION OF pelled to defeat our navy before an attack could be made on the forts. So, in a sense, the forts are a second line of defense, but congress is to be asked to make them as powerful as if they were a first line of defense.

Today on the isthmus of Panama there is a brigade of troops commanded by Brig. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards. It is intended before long to throw a whole division on the isthmus and of course to put it in command of a major general. In the various armies of the world a division is an elastic thing. It is probable that when our army's full representation arrives on nothing so dumb as an American sec- the isthmus there will be about 12,000

### Must Be Defended on Land.

The problem of the defense of the canal is not in the one-tenth part one of keeping an enemy away from exceptional, that the American the entrances. It is realized that if the canal ever is to be attacked, the attempt probably will be made by a landing force which would be put ashore some 30 or 40 miles on one side or the other of the waterway, and would then attempt to force its way overland from the canal's banks. So it is that a big force of men is presumed to be necessary as a waterway guard. If war came the forces at present contemplated for peace times probably would have to be doubled.

The government today is studying the problem as to where to locate its troops in the Canal Zone. Two reports already have been turned in by officers of rank, and as they are at variance one with the other, another report by another ranking officer acting independently will be turned in in the near future. Not only the health of the troops, but the strategic value of the positions which they occupy must be considered when sites are selected for garrisons either small or

### Library of Congress.

The people of the United States have a library of 2,451,974 books to which they have only infrequent opportunities of access. They also have housed with the books 154,200 maps population of 1,258,624, this state sup- of the administration. An Englishman and charts, 770,248 volumes and pieces

These are the treasures in the keeping of Herbert Putnam, librarian of by the foreign office, an intimation of congress, and they constitute the conwhat it is to be shall be given in ad- gressional library's collections. During the year that has just passed 85,-101 books have been added to Uncle Sam's shelves.

The congressional library, housed in pean nation over South American mat- a building said to be the most beauters when Theodore Roosevelt was tiful in the world, is almost entirely a reference library. The rule is that only the president, senators and representatives in congress, cabinet offi-Cleveland's intention to address the cers and other high officials of govern-\$2,500 sought in pledges to take care | challenging note that he did to Great | ment may take books from the library of possible deficits for three years Britain on the Venezuela boundary shelves for perusal in office or home. matter. Everything that comes out of The rule is violated frequently, always under the cover of the excuse that the books taken are intended for the people do not even realize that a use of some person who comes within spring is to be pressed or a button to the rule. In other words, private secretaries and clerks to the favored ones

Newspaper men go to the state de can get books for perusal at their ease. Take it all in all, however, the regdaily ever since there were any Wash- ulations are quite strictly observed. ington correspondents. The informa- Every American citizen can read any tion that they get almost invariably is book in the congressional library, proon things that have been accomplished. | vided he chooses to go to the linot on things that an attempt is to be brary to turn its big reading room into made to accomplish. Day after day a study. This reading room, by the recently the correspondents went to way, is a commanding bit of architecthe state department and yet they got ture with its huge dome which lets in no inkling of the administration's in- a soft reading light and with its many

> and its tints and colors. Books of Great Value There.

It has been said that any American citizen can read any book in the library if he will go to the reading room. Uncle Sam shortly will take three So he can, but it is probable that if he more islands under his protecting arm wants to see certain books he must -St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix, read them under guard. There are in the possession of the library printed West Indies, but which soon will drop books and manuscripts each worth a king's ransom. The fear in the congressional library is always as the fear is in other libraries, that some precious thing may be stolen.

Take for instance the original copy and as soon as the formal exchanges of what is called the Elephant Edition of Audubon. Presumably the name Elephant Edition comes from the size of the volume. It is a huge book and it contains the first colored prints American birds drawn and painted by John James Audubon, the great Amer-

ican ornithologist. Herbert Putnam, the librarian of congress, has just issued his yearly report. In it he says that 5,892 volumes have been added within twelve waterway must be better protected months to the Chinese, Japanese and than it is today, if it is to be saved in Korean collections of the library. Dr. case of war with some nation which Walter T. Swingle of the bureau of might attempt to seize it for its own plant industry went to the far East a year ago to study plant life with a attempt its destruction to prevent its view, of course, to introducing new and vegetable growths into this coun-Plans already have been made for try. While there he did some work

Making Some Change.

Patrice-Yes, he is.

"Quitting the movies, is he?" "Oh my, no!" "But I thought you said he was making some sort of change in busi-

been rejected as being above the "ness?" "So he is. He has charge of the box-office now."

Back to the Land in Luxury.

Pleasing evidence that the "back to the land" movement is making headway appears in a statement by the publishers of New York's Social Register. The figures show that at least onequarter of the families entitled to men- I got to his door. There's nothing to tion in that exalted record now have it now but to go right on in and let same period. No other county in the country places. What this implies it him go to work on it."-Detroit Free is easy to imagine. One sees a vista Press. of "cottages," costing \$150,000, surstate with anywhere near the populaof Wahoo, treasurer, and Paine of tion of Lancaster can show such a rounded by Italian gardens. Included also must be the "camp," which it requires a half-million to build and maintain, along with the many bungalows

amount of work on the soil furnished Patience-I hear your brother is to an army of employees, with the remaking some sort of change in busi- sult of making flowers and vegetables stand the happy farmer in about three. times their normal market price. All this witnesses to the increasing appeal of country life, of the Petit Trianon order, and should bring cheer to those who contend that the only way to lower the high cost of living is to make larger use of the land .- New York Post.

> The Last Resort "I guess I'll have to go to the den-

"No way out of it, eh?" "No. I've been to his office twice and the tooth didn't stop aching when

tist.

Or Subsidized Him.

"So you read Addelpate's novel. Ho did it come out?"

"It's a mystery to me. I guess he and their outlying garages and hot- must have hynotized the publisher."-