

FROM MANY POINTS

EVENTS OF THE DAY HELD TO A FEW LINES.

LATE EVENTS BOILED DOWN

Personal, Political, Foreign and Other Intelligence Interesting to the General Readers.

WAR NEWS.

Canadian casualties from the opening of the war to December 31, a period of twenty months, total 68,290.

A German admiralty statement says that a German submarine, number not given, has sunk eleven entente steamers in eleven days.

The total German casualties since the beginning of the war were placed at 4,610,160, in an official summary issued by the British government.

Podder and cereals are to be grown in Richmond and Bushy parks, London, the first step in the new food campaign. London's parks are royal property and the step has the sanction of King George.

The sinking of the British warship Cornwallis by a submarine in the Mediterranean was announced by the admiralty. Thirteen men from the Cornwallis are missing and are believed to have been killed by the explosion.

German Field Marshal von Mackensen's army, operating in southern Moldavia, has crossed the Putna river north of Ploesti, and between Ploesti and Fundeni has forced the Rumanians across the Sireth river, taking, in the latter operation, 550 prisoners.

The submarine menace to the merchant's service is far greater now than at any period of the war and it requires all of our energy to combat it, said Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, first sea lord, in a speech at a luncheon given in his honor in London.

The entente allies, replying to President Wilson's peace note in a joint communication, express the belief that it is impossible at the present moment to attain peace that will assure them reparation, restitution and such guarantees as they consider are essential.

GENERAL.

The National Farmers association will hold its annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo., February 21, 22, 23.

Eight men were killed and nine others wounded in the hunt for 12,000 deer slaughtered in California in 1916, according to a report submitted to the state fish and game commission.

The upper house of the South Dakota legislature after a heated discussion passed a bill providing for the resubmission of the equal suffrage amendment to the state constitution at the next general election.

The plant of the Canadian Car and Foundry Co., near Kingsland, N. J., in which were stored hundreds of thousands of shells destined for the Russian government, was destroyed by fire. The loss, it is thought, may reach \$4,000,000.

The first bill introduced in the Utah legislature was a state-wide prohibition bill. It would prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor in Utah after August 1, 1917, and make the possession of intoxicants a misdemeanor.

A \$400,000 commission for obtaining a war munition contract calling for an expenditure of \$27,500,000 by the Russian government was awarded by the N. Y. supreme court to Charles Fuller, a New York City lawyer.

Floyd Fuller of Lexington, Neb., who on December 21 shot and killed his sweetheart, Dorothy Rader-Carberry, when she met him by appointment on a crowded street in Omaha, pleaded guilty to second degree murder and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Colonel William Frederick Cody (Buffalo Bill), soldier, hunter and scout, the idol of juvenile America, died at Denver. William F. Cody was 71 years old and was born in Scott county, Iowa.

Harry K. Thaw, who was released fifteen months ago from an asylum for the insane where he was sent after he had killed Stanford White, was indicted in New York, charged with kidnaping Fred Gump, Jr., 19, of Kansas City, Mo., and assaulting him with a whip.

The increase of 1 1/2 cents per 100 weight on lumber rates from the southern producing field to Omaha, Des Moines and Lincoln will not go into effect until February 15.

Efforts are to be made to have a boxing bill passed in the Iowa state legislature. It is proposed to have the sport controlled by a commission and that 10 per cent of the gross receipts of all boxing shows shall go to the support of the state tuberculosis home.

Franz Bopp, German consul general at San Francisco, and four of his attaches and employes were found guilty by a jury in the United States district court of having violated this country's laws.

A two-mile board automobile speedway, costing \$500,000, will be built at Salt Lake City, Utah, this summer.

Only enough eggs sufficient for one breakfast for all Indiana were found in the state, in a survey made by the State Food and Drug commission.

Twenty-four cases of infantile paralysis have been reported in Montevideo, Uruguay. Specialists are carefully studying the disease and the authorities have decided to consult New York medical men on steps to stamp it out.

Mrs. Maude Allen of Fort Madison, Ia., who was married November 11 last to her seventh husband, has filed a petition for divorce in the Lee county district court, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment.

Judges Evans, Carpenter and Landis of the United States district court, denied the petition of twenty-eight railroads operating in Illinois to restrain the state public utilities commission from enforcing the Illinois 2-cent fare law.

Wishing to have a live subject to work with, the girl students of the domestic science department of the Appleton, Wisconsin, high school have adopted a 2-months-old baby and the girls are now kept busy feeding it scientifically and dressing it according to the best health hints.

Everett Crozier, a farmer living near Greeley, Colo., on returning to his home found the bodies of five of his children shot to death and his wife was found in a ditch not far from the house nearly dead. She had a pistol in her hand. It is thought she killed the children and then shot herself.

Every foot of the Dixie highway through the state of Georgia will be beautified by shade trees, according to plans announced by the Savannah Automobile club. If contemplated plans are carried out there will be a double row of trees reaching from the Tennessee line to St. Mary's river, in Florida.

MEXICAN TROUBLE.

Nicifero Zambrano, treasurer of the de facto government in Mexico, recently sent to Washington by General Carranza as his personal representative, issued a statement in which he predicted an early settlement of the border difficulties.

In an army of more than 150,000 National guardsmen and regulars on the Mexican border only 274 deaths have occurred in the last seven months. Of the deaths 108 were classified as caused by violence, while 166 were caused by disease.

Villa forces were defeated at Jimenez by General Francisco Murguía, with a loss of 1,500 rebel dead, wounded and captured, with the noted rebel leader, Martin Lopez, and another Villa general among the slain, according to an official report from the Carranza commander.

WASHINGTON.

Transmission in the mails of liquor advertisements, in circulars, newspapers or otherwise, into states which prohibit such advertising or solicitation, is barred by a bill passed by the senate.

Final agreement on the annual rivers and harbors appropriation bill was reported by the house committee. The measure carries \$38,155,399, of which \$1,110,000 is for Missouri river improvements.

By a vote of 55 to 32 the senate passed the Sheppard prohibition bill forbidding the sale of intoxicating liquors in the District of Columbia, but allowing small importations for personal use.

The entente reply to President Wilson's peace note is regarded in Washington official circles as putting an early peace practically out of the question, but still leaving an open door for the president to make further efforts.

The Webb-Kenyon law, designed to prevent liquor shipments from "wet" to "dry" states was declared constitutional by the supreme court, which also upheld West Virginia's prohibition amendment prohibiting citizens from receiving liquor for personal use, shipped by common carrier in interstate commerce.

A new issue of the one and two dollar greenbacks of civil war days, discontinued more than thirty years ago, will be put into circulation probably about February 1, the treasury department announced.

The International Harvester Co. and other American manufacturers of binder twine have been exonerated of responsibility for its increased price in the report of the senate committee which investigated the Yucatan monopoly.

Secretary Daniels appealed to congress for \$12,000,000 to add to navy yard construction facilities because of the failure of the private builders to submit bids for the battle cruisers and scout cruisers.

Ordinance and air craft innovations designed from lines developed by European belligerents have been authorized by both war and navy departments. They include Zeppelin type airships, large caliber mobile rifles and howitzers to be mounted on railroad trucks.

At the conclusion of three days of stirring debate, the senate voted to endorse President Wilson's note requesting a statement of peace terms from the warring powers of Europe.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

Jan. 24-25—Nebraska League of Municipalities convention at Hastings. Feb. 7-9—Nebraska Retail Lumber Dealers' Association Convention at Omaha. February 15—State Volleyball Contest at York. February 20-21—Nebraska Clothiers Association Meeting at Omaha. Feb. 26 to March 3—Omaha Automobile Show. March 5 to 10—First Annual Auto Show at Lincoln. March 6 to 10—Mid-West Cement Show and Convention at Omaha.

It was decided by the committee in charge of the national swine show, which is to be held in Omaha October 3 to 10, to give \$10,000 in cash prizes this year. This will be divided between the Chester Whites, Durocs, Berkshires, Poland-Chinas and Hampshires.

P. F. Peterson, president of the U. P. Steam Baking company, at Omaha, declared the war has caused more than 1,500 bakeries throughout the United States to suspend business, and he estimated that fully as many more are on the verge of bankruptcy now.

The Dodge county board of supervisors cut the total estimates for the expense of running the business of the county for the coming year \$26,000 as compared with last year's figures. The decrease is in the general bridge and drainage funds. The total estimate is \$145,000.

A teacher-parents' club has been organized at Neligh. The purpose of the club is to attain closer co-operation between parents and teachers, which is expected to materially aid the pupils in every line of study.

Word has been received at Beatrice from Llano Grande, Tex., to the effect that the Fifth Nebraska regiment, now doing duty on the border, had been quarantined for diphtheria at camp headquarters.

Fremont citizens are agitating the question of a new union depot for the city. Efforts will be made to induce the Union Pacific to spend a part of the 1917 budget in improving its system and property in Fremont.

Nearly twice as many miles of road were graded in Lancaster county last year than during the previous twelve months. The total was 412, while during the year 1915 it was only 270.

Over a million and a half dollars in sales was made by the Dempster Mill company of Beatrice during 1916, more than \$100,000 above the previous year.

An embargo on freight shipments over the Union Pacific lines which has tied up more than 500 cars in the Omaha and Council Bluffs yards since December 26, has been lifted.

Wolves have been doing considerable damage in Gage county and the farmers are making plans to hold a big circle hunt. Many chickens and pigs have been killed by the wolves.

The Deshler Coffee Mills company has been organized at Deshler with a capital stock of \$100,000. A two-story building to house the concern is to be constructed.

Bonds to the sum of \$25,000 will probably be voted upon by the people of Fremont at the spring election for the purpose of building a new auditorium.

Lincoln is soon to have a new manufacturing concern. Gooch Food Products company has filed articles of incorporation, with a capital stock of \$500,000.

At a primary to select a popular candidate for postmaster at Peters, burg Emil H. Mack got 222; John B. Cameron, 155, and George Probst, 81. Richardson county, after being under the township form of government for thirty years, is now back to the old system of commissioner form.

Two hundred and seventy-one marriage licenses were granted in Adams county during 1916 as compared with 245 the previous year. Eleven thousand dollars was the price paid for 82 acres of land in Fillmore county recently.

The old Peter Jansen ranch of 640 acres near Jansen, was sold recently for \$56,000.

Two Wolbach women were ordered by Judge Woodruff of Grand Island to pay to the United States funds loaned them shortly after the beginning of the European war. The ladies in question were in Germany when aided by the government.

Mrs. Myrtle McClellan and James Erskine were fined jointly the sum of \$2,225.20 by District Judge Grimes at North Platte for the violation of Nebraska liquor laws. This is said to be the heaviest fine ever administered in Lincoln county for such an offense.

General Joseph R. Webster, attorney general of Nebraska in pioneer days, and former resident of Lincoln, died in Washington, D. C., a few days ago. Gen. Webster had a wide acquaintance throughout the state.

Jerry Kean, a farmer living southwest of Stella, has lost nine head of horses recently, death being due, it is thought, to some form of acute poisoning.

Charles W. Kaley, a well known citizen of Red Cloud, prominent in political circles and world-wide traveler, died in Los Angeles, Cal.

The first car of hard coal to be delivered at Schuyler since before the holidays arrived a few days ago. Hard coal had been an almost unknown quantity at Schuyler since the summer supply was exhausted.

The city council of Red Cloud has accepted from W. T. Auld, head of the Corn Exchange bank in Omaha, a gift of \$20,000 for a library site, building and equipment for the city.

Fremont Methodists will build a new \$40,000 church in the immediate future. The sum of \$30,000 has already been raised from the proceeds of the banquet. Phone No. 9221.

Through a co-operative plan, managed by Miss Esther Warner, Seward county agent, the members of the Seward County Home-Makers' association realized 30 per cent more than regular market price for dressed poultry during the Christmas trade. Names of purchasers were secured by Miss Warner in Omaha, Lincoln and other large towns in the state and the produce was sent direct to the consumer by parcel post, C. O. D. from a convenient marketing place in the county. Plans are under way for a series of poultry meetings throughout the county in the near future.

The official figures just compiled by the several live stock markets of the country for the year 1916 show that Omaha is unquestionably the second market in the country. Chicago is still at the head of the list. It is contended from time to time in Kansas City that the market there is the second largest in the country. The figures show that in 1916 Omaha received 7,722,032 head of stock and Kansas City received 7,067,575. These figures show that Omaha received 654,457 head of stock more than the contender for second place. Chicago stands firmly in first place with 16,729,048.

It has been definitely decided that the 1917 National Swine Show will be held at Omaha, the dates being October 3 to 10. The show will again be staged in the big barn at the South Omaha stock yards. A new feature will be added to the show this year. There will be night exhibitions. This was one of the few defects of last year's show.

Four hundred and fifty farmers and business men of Gage county have lodged a protest with the County Board of Supervisors against paying the salary of the farm demonstrator. Nearly as many favor the county paying the demonstrator and January 23 has been set as the date for hearing both sides of the case.

Falls City, O. U. W. members are greatly agitated over the increase in rates voted at the grand lodge meeting at Omaha. Many of the older men will be compelled to drop their membership and many of the younger men will drop out through sympathy for the older men.

The Fremont Milling plant is working on a 5,000-barrel order of flour that will be shipped to Chicago for use in making unleavened bread. It will require over three weeks, with the plant running night and day, to complete the order. The bread is eaten by Jewish people during the feast of the passover.

The farmers of Dodge county plan on doing considerable ditching the coming season. Two new ditching machines costing \$2,000 and \$2,300 each, have been purchased, one by Lewis Bros., the other by Leo Merley. Both parties have large contracts for work, beginning in the spring.

The Hastings Chamber of Commerce has advised State Senator Walter E. Hager that Hastings will give twenty acres of well located ground for a building site for a new state capital on the condition that the capital of Nebraska shall be moved from Lincoln to Hastings.

Val Peters, publisher of the Omaha Tribune, has purchased the Platte River Zeitung, the only German newspaper in Dodge county. The paper was published at Fremont and was established in 1885. Mr. Peters will consolidate the Zeitung with his Omaha Journal.

The cost of running Lancaster county for 1917 will be \$74,500 higher than last year, according to the estimate adopted by the county commissioners providing for expenditures of \$460,000. The 1916 budget was \$386,000.

A campaign has been launched to increase the Hastings college endowment fund to \$500,000.

The Nebraska grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen adopted the national fraternal congress schedule of rates, which will mean a general increase on all members at a meeting in Omaha. The new rates will be even higher than those imposed in 1915, which were found inadequate. Provision has been made for a reduction from \$2,000 to a \$1,500 policy.

Seventy-eight head of cattle were sold for an average of \$775 a head at the Mousel Brothers sale near Cambridge.

Coal at cost is being sold to the people of Falls City by city authorities.

The new Masonic building at Alliance is nearing completion. Alliance Masons declare they will have one of the finest lodge buildings in western Nebraska when this work is finished. The structure represents an outlay of \$50,000.

According to figures compiled by a Lincoln newspaper the Capital City's valuation has doubled in the last twelve years. In the year 1905 the total valuation was \$38,600,000; in the year just closed it jumped to \$70,000,000.

Frank A. Anderson, grand master workman, has appointed R. O. Marshall, cashier of the Merchants' National bank of Nebraska City, grand treasurer of the A. O. U. W. of Nebraska to fill the vacancy caused by the death of E. L. Dodder of Omaha.

The mortgage record for the past year in Gage county shows that a total of 314 farm mortgages were filed aggregating \$995,256.09, and 343 released, aggregating \$895,614.37.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Young, of Brock, recently celebrated their sixty-first wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Edwards of Omaha are the owners of a Plymouth Rock hen that is seven years old and lays an egg nearly every day. She is believed to be the oldest hen in the United States.

Mrs. Hannah Johnson dropped dead at her home near Beaver Crossing. She was the mother of five children, all of whom are seriously ill with pneumonia.

The petition signed by forty teachers of the grade schools of Fremont for an increase in salary was rejected by the board of education at the banquet. Phone No. 9221.

FIGHT "PORK" BILL

OPPONENTS OF PUBLIC BUILDING MEASURE SAY MANY PROJECTS ARE NEEDLESS.

Congress Wants to Make Big Appropriations but Has Trouble Getting Its Courage Screwed Up to the Sticking Point.

By GEORGE CLINTON.

Washington.—Congress dares one day and does not the next. The majority gets its courage screwed up apparently to the sticking point and then something comes to make it recede rapidly. Congress wants to pass the omnibus buildings bill while the president, it is said, does not want it to pass, and one day it makes up its mind to pass it and the next day it changes its mind.

Years ago the name "pork" was given to each of two measures which come yearly before congress, the public buildings bill and the rivers and harbors bill. It is needless, of course, to say that many of the buildings for whose erection provisions have been made, and many of the rivers and harbors for whose improvement money has been voted, have been necessary for the good of the country.

The charge, however, from both Democrats and Republicans all over the United States is that proper discrimination is not made by congress between the good and bad propositions contained in these measures. The friends of such legislation always spring to its defense. The row has been going on for years.

It has been pretty well understood this year that President Wilson does not want his party in congress to pass the public buildings bill as it is at present written. It calls for \$38,000,000 for the erection of federal buildings in different parts of the country.

The necessity of economy is urged by some members of both parties in house and senate as a reason for withholding consideration from the bill as it has been presented. Its proponents declare that every item in the bill is justifiable. The struggle is on. If the bill passes it is said that the president stands ready to veto it, but this, of course, is a matter for future consideration.

417 Projects in Bill.

The total number of projects provided for in the measure is 417 with authorizations amounting to \$38,734,700. Public buildings and their construction are under the control of the treasury department, the secretary of which in his estimates asks for authorizations of money for building purposes. In the present public building bill the names of 61 towns and villages appear of which the treasury department made no mention in its report. In other words, congress, acting on its own behalf, has gone far beyond the estimates submitted by Secretary McAdoo.

The officials of the government this year have said that nearly one-fourth of the entire building appropriation is needless, unwise and extravagant. On the other hand, the members of congress who desire that these buildings shall be erected say that it is due to the people of the smaller towns in the country that Uncle Sam should be represented throughout the land by proper buildings and by adequate facilities for all his purposes and that if the building is too big the needs of the places will grow to meet it. The basis of the argument really is, however, that as all the people are taxed for all the federal buildings that the smaller places should be given recognition and that Uncle Sam loses nothing by keeping his nephews and nieces satisfied.

Want Parks Made Accessible.

A conference has just closed in Washington which brought together a surpassingly interesting group of men and women. It was the National Parks conference. There are many congresses or conferences, call them what you will, in Washington every year, but perhaps more than all the others there attaches to the National Parks Conference what may be called the higher human interest. The object of this conference is to influence public opinion in favor of national parks, and to urge the necessary legislation to make the parks accessible to the people of the country, to maintain them in all their original beauty and grandeur and to endeavor to find ways and means to secure an "economic hospitality" within their limits for Americans who are not blessed with great riches. In other words, the effort is to make the national parks truly national playgrounds.

Let us take one of the meetings of this and enter the doors. It is evening and on the walls of the great hall in the National Museum are hanging the wonderful pictures painted by American artists and setting forth the glories of color, of sky, mountain, tree and valley of the national parks of America. The most famous of our artists here are represented.

SENT SOUND THROUGH EARTH

New Underground Wireless Carried Clock's Ring a Distance of Forty Miles.

The same electric power employed in the ringing of a door bell has transmitted sound through space a distance of 40 miles, in an experiment conducted by Dr. H. Barrington Cox, the ringing of an ordinary alarm clock at Los Olivos has been faintly recorded at his station just outside Santa Barbara, Cal.

According to Doctor Cox, the instruments were not "pointing" right, and after certain corrections have been made at Los Olivos the experiments will be renewed. But the results are highly satisfactory. It is wireless, without the use of wires, and the power used is the ordinary dry battery which Doctor Cox invented years ago.

Instead of passing through the air, the sound travels through the ground. His station in Santa Barbara shows but two metal standards about fifteen feet high and 200 feet apart. The principle involved is still Doctor Cox's secret, but he claims that when it has been perfected the economy of wireless will have been solved for both telegraph and telephone. — Fresno (Cal.) Republican.

Quite Simple.

"Can you make anything out of the news from Europe?" "Easiest thing in the world. I only read the newspapers every other day. In this way I get a connected story of one side or the other and avoid the denials."—Puck.

Would Brook no Rival.

Store Clerk—Now, here's a piece of goods that speaks for itself. Uncle Si—Wal, that wouldn't do for Mandy; she likes to do all the talkin'. —Boston Evening Transcript.

Progress.

"Did you have a happy Christmas?" "It's beginning to turn out all right. My wife has exchanged most of her presents to her entire satisfaction."

GOOD ROADS PARLEY

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN IN CONFERENCE AT LINCOLN.

SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS PLANNED

Each County in Nebraska to Benefit According to Mileage.—Reed Says Co-Operation Essential.

Lincoln.—A great deal of interest was shown in a meeting in the governor's office last Friday which was attended by the roads committees of the legislature, the highway commission and many members of the legislature. A discussion resulted of the plans for a 5,000-mile system of roads in the state built with the \$1,600,000 appropriation from the government. The plan includes a system of north and south, east and west roads in each county, according to State Engineer Johnson, who, speaking for the board, proposed to distribute the appropriation according to the mileage in each county.

The roads may be merely dirt roads, surfaced with gravel or clay and in counties where no gravel or clay is available, the government will accept plain dirt roads. The cost will not exceed \$1,000 a mile. Attorney General Reed, a member of the board, emphasized the importance of the counties co-operating with the commission in order that the whole system might not be blocked and the opportunity lost. A levy should be made for the full five years. Several of the members of the board's distribution of the funds and suggested other plans.

Two Killed as Automobile Upsets. Grand Island, Neb.—Charles Sherman, aged 40, and his father, Samuel Sherman, were instantly killed and two other men were injured when an automobile in which they were riding turned over near here.

Powder Mill Wrecked. New York.—Four hundred thousand pounds of powder was destroyed by fire and explosion at the Haskell (N. J.) plant of the Dupont Powder Company last Friday night. Officials of the company declared after checking up the employees at the works that only two men were missing.

The shock of the explosion was so great that many persons in New York, Brooklyn and New Jersey cities twenty miles from Haskell believed there had been an earthquake. Strangely enough, the concussion seemed to be less severe a short distance from Haskell.

See Plot to Assassinate Johnson. San Francisco.—Anarchist plots to assassinate Governor Hiram W. Johnson, United States senator-elect from California, were revealed in letters seized in the office of Alexander Berkman several weeks ago, Assistant District Attorney Edward A. Cunha told Judge Franklin A. Griffin in the Mooney murder trial. "I found evidence in those letters," Cunha declared, "to prove that Berkman and others conspired to destroy the government, blow up California's capitol and kill Governor Johnson."

Six Perish in Storm. Fargo, N. D.—Three persons lost their lives in the terrific blizzard which swept over this state late last week. Several sections reported a gale of from forty-two to fifty miles an hour, with the mercury registering all the way from 10 to 15 below zero. Sections of Montana suffered heavily as the result of the storm. Wilbair, a town in the eastern part of the state, reports the death of two children and a school teacher as the result of the blizzard.

U-Boat Menace Continues. Berlin.—An admiralty statement published in connection with the announcement of the safe return of the German submarine U-45, which had been reported sunk in the Bay of Biscay, says that a German submarine (number not given) has sunk eleven entente steamers in eleven days. Of this number five vessels, totalling 15,000 tons, were laden with coal and bound for France and Italy.

Thaw Attempts Suicide. Philadelphia, Pa.—Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, wanted in New York to answer an indictment charging that he mistreated Fred Gump Jr., 19-year-old Kansas City school boy, cut his throat in a West Philadelphia apartment. He is in a hospital here, and his early recovery is expected.

Name Additional Units. Washington.—Additional units of the reserve officers training corps, the war department announced have been authorized for introduction at the troop college of technology, Pasadena, Cal., and the Leavenworth high school, Leavenworth, Kas.

Operating Income Increases. Washington.—The net operating income of the 185 large railroads of the country jumped \$63,000,000 during the four-month period ending November 1, over the same period of 1915.

Famine in Alakama. Montgomery, Ala.—Famine is stalking through the central part of Alabama, where the cotton and corn crops were failures on account of floods and the boll weevils this year. White landlords are mortgaging their plantations to get enough money to exist, while the negroes are catching rabbits, gathering wild nuts and resorting to other unusual means to obtain food. There are whole settlements in which every member needs