PLAN MOBILIZATION OF CIVILIAN ARMY

War College Heads Prepare for Handling of Great Volunteer Force.

RAPID TRAINING PROPOSED

Special Attention Given to Selection of Officers Qualified by Experience to Lead Men Properly.

Washington.-The war college division of the general staff of the Uniton the possibility that the first call for volunteers might be for 1,000,000 men. The war college recently prepared an official paper dealing with the raising of a volunteer army.

"Under existing laws and under contemperaneous conditions therewith." says the war college, "it has heretofore been assumed that in the event of a war with a first-class power the United States would require not less than half a million of men for the first line, behind which could be prepared the greater army of citizen soldiers diers, the larger part of our land upon whom our main reliance for na- forces will not be fully trained on the tional defense is conditionally placed." Subject to President's Call.

The organization of volunteer ing the presidential proclamation in suitable units. stating the number needed, and on

of peace.

will issue his proclamation, stating the | forces. number of men desired for each arm, corps, or department, within such lim- good in itself, will fail to bring the deits as may be fixed by law. It is prob- sired results unless there are available that the proclamation will also re- able a sufficient number of trained incite the causes that make the call structors, officers and noncommisnecessary and will state that the en- sioned officers. The blind cannot lead listed men shall be taken, as far as the blind." practicable, from the several states, territories and District of Columbia in volunteer armies, the war college proportion to the respective popula- points out that all points of mobilizations thereof.

for volunteers, the secretary of war liminary arrangements have been apnotifies the governors, etc., as in a call proved by both the federal and state, for militin, informing them of the quo- authorities. These plans provide for ta for their respective states, the exist- the necessary buildings, for water suping militia organizations that will be ply, and all other essential needs received into the volunteers, the new which will arise. organizations that it is desired to raise, and the maximum and minimum strength of organizations."

All terms of enlistments, it is pointed out, "will be the same as that for the regular army, exclusive of reserve periods," and no person can be enlisted for the volunteer forces "who is not effective and able-bodied." and who is not within the ages stipulated for that service under the law as it exists at the time of the president's call. Neither can any man be enlisted who does not speak the English language, while persons under eighteen years of age can be accepted only with the signed approval and consent of the parent or guardian of that per-

Recruiting, Rendezvous and Depots.

The war college continues: "With a view to recruiting and maintaining all organizations of the land forces as near their prescribed strength as practicable, the necessary rendezvous and depots will be established by the secretary of war and will be directly controlled by him. Here the recruits will be enlisted and trained. For the purposes of instruction and discipline, the troops at the recruit depots may be organized into companies and battalions, at the discretion of the secretary of war. The noncommissioned officers and privates will be of such grades and numbers as

the president may prescribe. "It is apparent that the recruits at the rendezvous and depots are intended to form a reserve battalion for each regiment or equivalent thereof of regulars and volunteers only; for the act also provides that in order to maintain the land militia organization at their maximum strength the recruit rendezvous and depots in any state or keenly home to the officials and clerks territory may, at the request of the of the Anchor line offices the loss of governor thereof, enlist and train re- the California, one of the liners sunk cruits for land militia in the service as a result of Germany's new submaof the United States from such state rine campaign. or territory. All the officers required for such recruit rendezvous and depots spare, slight man, asked for news of will be volunteers of the proper arm of his wife and four children, steerage

Appointment of Officers.

"All volunteer officers are appointed missing-the others had been saved. by the president, but the number and grade of such efficers shall not exceed the number and grade of like officers provided for a like force of the regular army, and they will be subject to strainedly down his cheeks. The bussuch assignment to duty and transfers as the president may direct.

"In order that the lives of those natriotic citizens who may volunteer for service may be safeguarded and conserved and not risked under persons lacking in experience in the care of soldiers in camp and in battle, the of the busy office was resumed.

war department has decided and announced that the appointment to volunteer commissions will be made from those classes of our citizens who have had such experience, and that from those classes the selections will be made in the following order:

(A)-Persons who have had experience as commissioned officers in the regular army of the United States and ex-officers of volunteers of proved experience and efficiency. (B)-Non-commissioned officers of

experience in the regular army. (C)-Persons who have had experience as officers in the militia. (D)-Persons who have qualified

according to law under prescribed examinations to test their fitness to command and control men in the field. (E)-Graduates of educational in-

stitutions of military standing to which regular army officers are detailed as professors of military science under the law.

(F)-Should the necessary number ed States army has complete plans of volunteer officers required not be prepared for the mobilization of a citi- furnished from the above classes, the zens' army. These plans were com- war department will give civilians pleted some time ago in anticipation lacking in actual military experience of the time when the United States an opportunity to appear for examinamight be called upon to enter into tion to test their fitness for commishostilities against a first-class power. sions, before boards which the war de-These plans were based, it is said, up- partment proposes to create in the several states.

Begin Training at Once. Under the caption "Training of Volunteers" the war college pamphlet

reads:

"The training of volunteer troops must begin without delay after their induction into the service. No time must be lost. It should begin at the company rendezvous, without waiting for complete mobilization. Under our traditional policy of relying principally for defense upon citizen soloutbreak of war. It is more than probable that we shall have to employ some of them with little or no trainarmies can only be undertaken follow- ing as soon as they can be assembled

"The amount and character of the this subject the war college says: | training will at first be directly pro-"Volunteer forces may be raised, or- portional to the time consumed, proganized and maintained only during vided a rational scheme be followed. the existence or imminence of war, How much time will be available it and only after congress shall have au- is impossible to predict. It is reasonthorized the president to raise such able to assume, however, that in the forces. Congress could, however, by event of a war with an oversea enemy legislative enactment, authorize the it will be the time required for our president to raise such forces in time enemy to establish at least a partial control of the sea sufficient to open "When so authorized, the president the way for landing of expeditionary

"Any system of training, however,

Referring to the mobilization of the tion have been selected, one in each "Following the call of the president state of the Union, and that these pre-

Arizona Mightiest of All Fighting Vessels.

The Arizona, the newest addition to the United States battleship division, not only is the biggest of Uncle Sam's sea fighters, but no other naval power has a fighting vessel that can reach it in size.

It is larger by 200 tons that the Pennsylvania, the flagship of Admiral Mayo, of which it is a sister ship.

It will be a damaging foe for an enemy to meet. Its twelve 14inch guns fire a broadside of 20,-000 pounds of steel, which can be directed accurately at a mark 15 miles distant. The broadside is 6,000 pounds more than the combined broadsides of the Kansas, Vermont and New Hampshire, ships that have been

placed in the reserve fleet. The displacement of the Arizona is 31,600 tons. It is propelled by oil-burning engines, which drive it at a speed averaging 20 knots an hour.

WAITS IN SILENT GRIEF FOR NEWS OF LOVED ONES

Plight of Bereaved Englishman in New York Brings Home to Watchers -Tragedy of New Warfare.

New York .- It took the silent grief of John M. Little, Englishman, to bring

Modestly, almost diffidently, Little, a passengers. The latest cable, he was told, reported his wife and one child

"But the wife and baby," he pleaded. "Can't you give me a word of hope?" No one dared reply. Tears welled from Little's eyes and rolled unretling activity stopped and heads were bowed.

Straightening himself with an effort Little squared his shoulders and walked away, the tears still streaming down his face.

Not a word was uttered as the work

States decide to raise a vast army, final work of building the unit up to military men say, many features of full strength is begun. the Canadian system will be adopted on account of the similarity of conditions in the two countries.

talions which are the equivalent in promoted from other organizations. It numbers and organization to regiments is understood one of the first moves in the United States service by first by the war department in the event detailing a full complement of officers. of the necessity of forming a big army

tofficers are drawn from the ranks of New York.-Should the United units already established. Then the

From the officers' training corps the company, battery or troop commanders and their subaltern officers are Canada's plan has been to form bat- drawn. Those of higher command are When the commissioned posts of a will be the organization of an officers' unit are filled the noncommissioned training corps like Canada's.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL. DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

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. March 7-8-9-10-State Basketball Tournament at Lincoln

March 12-17-Annual Merchants' Mar ket Week at Omaha. March 18-District Meeting of Odd

Fellows at North Platte. March 21-22-23-D. A. R. Annual State Convention at Fremont.

The Elgin Community club recently dedicated its fine new clubhouse, which was built at a cost of \$20,000. Among the facilities which the club maintains are a modern auditorium and motion picture house, bowling alleys, billiard rooms, social hall, gymnasium, banquet room, committee It is said to be one of the finest homes of its kind in Nebraska.

The next convention of the Nebraska Retail Hardware Dealers associasession in Omaha a few days ago. coming year.

er officers elected were: Vice presi- according to authorities. dent, J. H. Knowles, Fremont; treasurer, M. A. Hostetler, Shelton.

The city council at West Point has fort station and rest rooms. It is out of business.

A carload of frozen dressed poultry was shipped from Beatrice by Swift & Co. for London. The poultry is valued at about \$8,000 and the freight and water charges on the shipment amount to \$1,300.

Lincoln pool halls will not be able to use chips, redeemable for candy, chewing gum or cigars, or any other form of "trade stimulant" as a result of the action of the Lincoln city

Three fires which broke out almost simultaneously in the city of York caused damage to the extent of about \$50,000. Evidence of incendiarism is said to have been found.

Tabulation of public subscriptions of the twelve federal farm loan banks shows that the greatest amount, about 9,000 shares, was subscribed for the Omaha bank. The new concrete and steel bridge

spanning the Platte river, a few and open to travel. The bridge is 1,000 feet long and cost \$60,000. Forty-nine head of Herefords, all

blooded stock, the property of O. E. Omaha stock yards for an average of \$414 apiece.

The new St. Mary's Catholic parsonage at Wymore was dedicated by Bishop Tihen of Lincoln. The parsonage is a modern structure costing over \$10,000.

Plattsmouth city council has bought a tract of land which covers about thirty lots. The city paid \$1,100 for the tract, which will be used for park

at York, built at a cost of \$60,000. was completely destroyed by fire. Insurance on the structure amounts to \$40,000. The Community State bank of Ta-

The Central High school building

ble Rock is to be housed in a new building in the near future. Contract for the structure has been let and work will begin March 1.

Hens are worth a dollar apiece in Hall county. Robert Watson, wholesale poultry dealer, of Grand Island, recently paid \$8.13 for eight Plymouth

The German Military society of Falls City will fight for the United States against any enemy, according to a vote its members cast recently. The community club of Geneva has decided to stage a Fourth of July celebration this year.

Three prizes, a victrola with \$50 worth of records, a ladies' watch, an 8-foot display case and an oak roller top desk will be given visiting retailers who attend Omaha's Merchant Market week, March 12 to 16. No one in Omaha or suburbs are eligible to compete for the prizes. Only two conditions are attached - competitors must be registered and must be pres-

ent when awards are made Fire of an unknown origin completely destroyed the Creighton

steam laundry. Detectives are investigating the apparent attempt to wreck the St. Joseph & Grand Island passenger train south of Edgar the other night. A railroad tie had been wedged between the rails.

Raymond Pollard of Nehawka made a record sale for Hampshire, white belted, hogs, when he sold fifty-two head of bred sows for an average of \$108 per head. One sow sold for \$680. Henry Olson & Sons of David City

got the general contract for Crete's new high school building. The bid Seward county is planning pageant in commemoration of the

statehood. No date has been fixed for the event. As the result of the water hydrants being frozen, citizens of Ponca were forced to stand by helplessly and watch their \$35,000 high school build-

ing burn to the ground. 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. bership of one hundred.

. The Alliance Commercial club has adopted resolutions urging the state legislature to pass such a bill as will permit Nebraska to partake in the funds apportioned under the federal good roads acts. The sentiment in northwestern Nebraska is decidedly in favor of such an act and they are

favorably upon that important matter. A canvas, which includes Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Canada, shows that twenty-six persons have frozen to death and at least fifty have been maimed for life thus far this winter in these states and Canada. Canada has had twelve deaths as the result of the severe cold; Nebraska has had

calling upon the legislature to act

three. The North Platte Valley Righway association was formally organized at Mitchell, with representatives present from Bridgeport, Bayard, Minatare, Gering, Scottsbluff, Morrill and Torrington, Wyo. It is intended to establish grade and mark an automobile road to be known as the North Platte Valley Highway, diverging from the Lincoln Highway at North Platte and connecting with the Yellowstone rooms, public ladies' rest room, etc. Highway at Wendover, Wyo. The new thoroughfare will pass through the full length of the North Platte valley.

Sheriffs of several counties in Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska, who tion will be held in Loncoln, accord- have been investigating for weeks ing to a decision reached at the 1917 what appeared to be well-planned thefts of horses, arrested two men Fred Pelx of Blue Hill was named near Gering who are believed to be president of the organization for the leaders of a large gang which has stolen horses for many months in Cliff Crooks of Fairbury was elect. middle western states. The horses ed president of the Nebraska Retail- were stolen in one state, passed ers' association at a business meeting through several hands of gang memof the organization in Lincoln. Oth- bers and finally sold in another state,

Herman Kosbaugh, 40 years, farmer, living near Hershey, and son, Herman, jr., 9 years, were instantly taken steps to install a public com- killed when a motor car driven by the elder Kosbaugh, crashed into a bridge realized that this project will become railing over the South Platte river, necessary after May 1, as on that near North Platte, and plunged date six West Point saloons will go | twelve feet to the ice below. Both were crushed under the car.

Webster county bridges are to be built by the Omaha Structural Steel Bridge company, contract having been let by the county commissioners. The Webster county officials have agreed to pay the state \$3,300 for the care of patients in the state hospital since 1873. The clerk has been instructed to notify the auditor that the money will be paid.

Louis Kamerad, who, it is claimed, has confessed to the murder of 13year-old Alice Parkos of Ord, is now in the state penitentiary at Lincoln for safe keeping. The utmost secrecy was observed by the officers in moving Kamerad from the St. Paul jail, where he was lodged shortly after being arrested.

The committee appointed by the Fremont Commercial club to secure plans for an auditorium has been instructed to draw up a petition for circulation authorizing the city council to submit a proposition for voting miles south of Kearney, is finished \$25,000 to citizens at the spring elec-

near Alliance, has been compelled to of new machinery in order to carry on the increase in its business. The daily output of the plants now operating runs into thousands of dollars. Joe Stecher of Dodge, champion wrestler, downed Charlie Peters of Papillion in two straight falls before a crowd of 6.000 mat fans at Omaha.

Stecher won the first fall in thirty-one minutes and forty-two seconds and the second in fifteen minutes and thirty-two seconds. The jury in the case of Mary Irene Berry against the city of Aurora returned a verdict for the defendant. finding no cause of action. The suit was brought for \$20,000 personal dam-

ages, the plaintiff claiming to have fallen on the sidewalk, breaking her hip and shoulder. Business men of Columbus gave \$410 to those firemen who had ruined clothes in fighting the fire at the Mc-

Gerr furniture store fire. The casing for the new oil well, which has delayed the work of drilling at Table Rock, has arrived and

boring is now in progress. Bonds to the sum of \$3.800 were voted by Weeping Water's citizens for purpose of extending the city water

The York county fair and fall festival will be held at York, October 1 to 5.

The federal aid for good roads was indorsed and a resolution backing President Wilson in any act and offer adopted by the State Lumbermen's association at the annual meeting in Omaha.

Soldiers of the Fifth Nebraska regiment, while at Fort Crook waiting to be mustered out of the federal service, showed their appreciation of the work of their commanding officer, Colonel Paul, by presenting him with a gold watch.

The Hagenbeck-Wallace circus, with three trains of twenty cars each, carrying 300 head of horses, 700 people and the famous Hagenbeck menagerie, will be the free attraction at the 1917 state fair, at Lincoln this fall.

A stock company has been organized to build an auditorium at Gresham. Four subscription lists are in circulation. Nearly \$4,000 has been raised. The goal is fixed at \$10,000.

A Madison county jury has awarded \$11,112 to Mrs. Alvina L. Luebke against the American Surety company and certain saloon keepers of Pierce. Wednesday, February 28, has been set aside as Farmers' Day at the fiftieth anniversary of Nebraska's Omaha Automobile show, when special attention is to be given to business men of the agricultural districts. The show will be held from

February 28 to March 3. The Frank James farm of 240 acres, west of Wymore, was purchased recently by John S. Jones, the consideration being \$140 per acre, the rec-

ord price in that vicinity. The Gering Community league was organized just recently with a mem-

COMMISSION TELLS CONGRESS HOW FAMINE INJURES NEBRASKA

NEW INDUSTRY FOR THE PEN

Items of General Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources Around the State House

Nebraska wheat is still on the farms ing. shortage."

tives in Washington, D. C., last week, pleted.

Mr. Taylor laid before the com-



E. R. DANIELSON

Of Osceola, the new secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, succeeding W. R. Mellor. Mr. Danielson is a successful farmer and prominent among the raisers of the better class of live stock. He has been identified with and has taken much interest in the State Fair for several years. In 1916 he was in full charge of all live stock exhibited on the

enforce rules on shipping which would tend to reliev such a national car shortage as has been experienced the past few months.

The case of one shipper was cited by Commissioner Taylor, who had 60,000 bushels of wheat in an eleva-The American Potash company, one car a week. The commissioner erect a large addition to its present called the attention of the committee plant and to install a large quantity to the fact that in the last few days wheat had dropped 20 cents, and the shipper, unable to get cars, was standing to lose \$12,000

The net shortage, he said, amounted to 24,000 box cars out of 130,000 owned by lines in Nebraska.

New Industry for Penitentiary.

Manufacturers of wagon boxes and poultry crates has been proposed as a new industry to be established at the state penitentiary for the purpose of furnishing convicts with employment which will help make the institution self-supporting. A legislative committee is now investigating this plan. Warden Fenton favors it.

The committee has already recommended that an appropriation of \$35,-000 be made to purchase equipment and furnish working capital for a state broom-making plant at the prison. That industry has been operated there for many years under contract with a private firm which is now moving all its mechanical apparatus and raw material to its own plant in Lincoln.

The creation of the state school book commission, with a view to having the state print the text books for its public school, or to controct for their publication on a royalty, is proposed in a bill by Representative Auten.

Irrigation School Bill Held Back.

When the Stearns bill establishing a school of irrigation at Scottsbluff, in their support in case of war was connection with the university agricultural experiment station there, came before the whole committee, nobody said a word regarding it and a motion to send it to third reading was adopted without discussion. Later, Chairman Rieschick of the finance committee moved that the report be not consends the bill back for further action. Rieschick is opposed to any appropriation for the proposed school.

> Two of the important rural school bills have been acted upon favorably by the house committee on education and will go upon the general file for consideration in committee of the whole. One is the Taylor bill levying a 2-mill state tax for support of the rural schools. The other is the Ollis bill, which permits the redistrictin: whole. of any county for rural school purposes, subject to a vote of the people, and authorizes a county school levy of not more than 15 mills on all three sessions of the legislature, was the property lying within such rural killed by a vote of 48 to 30, after a

Direct Vote for President

By a unanimous vote the house passed the bill introduced by Taylor. Peterson and others, providing that at future presidential elections voters will vote direct for president and vicepresident. Ninety-three votes were cast in the affirmative, seven members being absent.

The state will be required to have electors to represent it in the national electorial college, but they will hereafter be named by the governor if the by the chief executive.

DISCUSS NEW CAPITOL Henry Richmond's H. R. 1, providing for the erection of a new capitol building on the present site, was given

its preliminary hearing before the finance, ways and means committee of the house of representatives Thursday evening, and the ideas developed were almost as numerous as there were speakers. Mr. Richmond, State Librarian Harry Lindsay, Assistant State Engineer W. P. J. Steckelberg and Representative James Craddock of Omaha argued in behalf of the bill. while Charles Wooster of Silver Creek and Representative George Greenwalt of Custer county thought the only way to settle the question was to remove the capitol to some point nearer the geographical center of the state Western Newspaper Union News Service. On that condition only would they con-"Thirty to thirty-five per cent of sent to the erection of a new build-

or in the elevators, unable to be Mr. Richmond's suggestion was that moved on account of the boxcar a one mill levy be made and a com mission be created to spend the \$3, This was the testimony of Railway 500,000 accruing from that levy. He Commissiner W. G. Taylor, who would have the east wing replaced urged interstate commerce control of during the next two years, the senate freight shipping rules before the in- wing during the two years after that terstate and foreign commerce com- and the main body of the building mittee of the house of representa- after the two wings had been com-

Mr. Craddock said that if the memmittee the joint resolutions of the bers present could see the condition of two houses of the Nebraska legisla- the ceiling they were sitting under ture asking congress to increase the they would get out of the chamber as powers of the interstate commerce com. fast as their legs would carry them mission to permit it to make and Over half of the floor joists, he re lated, overlap the south wall by not more than two and one-half inches.

Mr. Wooster said he had not con ducted any investigation whatsoever of the condition of the building, but he doubted the statements of the experts. He didn't think that there was any immediate danger, and he didn't think the great majority of the people of the state thought there was any such danger. It is unreasonable to presume that the building will fall now after having stood here all these

Mr. Lindsay had nothing to ask for personally, but he thought that for the good of the state the people should know just what condition the state house is in. Water is leaking from the ceiling of the supreme court con- Deaprtment of Justice. At the hearsultation room and no one knows where it comes from.

Mr. Steckelberg told of the general condition of the building and of the supposition that there is a sand pit beneath the east wing. He did not believe the cracking of the window in the board of control was due to settling, but rather to the heat from the radiator beneath it. As to the cost of repairing the east wing and making it safe for the time being, he thought it would be about \$25,000.

Educators Will Confer at Lincoln A conference of educators from all the states west of the Mississippi will be held in Lincoln February 22 to 25,

for a study of rural school problems,

under the auspices of the United States bureau of education. Dr. Harold W. Foght, of the bureau, which is under the department of the interior, has been in Lincoln arranging for the conference with State Superintendent W. H. Clemmons and the

Lincoln Commercial club. The conference is to bring together leading educators to discuss problems of rural education and rural life improvement, says Dr. Fogt. "It is to suggest improvements in courses of study to meet real present day needs and to improve the teaching staff."

Fourteen state superintendents are already booked to attend. Dr. Foght says. The meeting is primarily for rural school supervisors, county superintendents, state normal presidents and state superintendents. Several hundred will attend.

Deplores International Situation

John Mattes, president pro tem of the state senate, and one of the best known Germans in the state, asserts that no matter how dark the clouds of international difficulty become the intention of foreign-born citizens to stand firmly and courageously for their adopted country, will grow brighter and more determined.

"No country and no form of government can escape criticism for its course, even though that course be one adopted in the hour of severest trial," he said.

"I am pained beyond expression that my adopted country, which only a few weeks ago, seemed to be the guiding star to the haven of worldwide peace in a world at war has found it necessary to take a step which I sincerely hope may not lead to more serious complications and results."

Tuition for State Wards.

A claim for \$210.75, for tuition of pupils who are from the state home for dependent children during 1915 and 1916, has been filed with the state legislature by L. S. Frisbie, superintendent of the University Place schools. There were twenty-five children on his list, who were charged curred in, and his motion carried. This tuition at the rate of 75 cents a week. The home for dependent children is under the supervision of the state board of control.

Killed Trading Stamp Bill

The bill backed by the Nebraska away with trading stamps and premiums by imposing a \$5,000 license upon any merchant using them was killed in the house committee of the

This bill, introduced and fought for by Hostetler of Buffalo, who has represented the retailers' organization in long fight.

May Employ Special Counsel

A county attorney can have special counsel if he wants to, in the prosecution of bootleggers, and it is not error, says Chief Justice A. J. Morrissey, in affirming a decision of the Wayne district court against Siemon Goemann, convicted of selling liquor without a license.

The county attorney had requested the court to appoint A. R. Davis, special counsel. The defense declared that Mc Menarnin, who was managing the he had been engaged in several cases bill passes the senate and is approved against Goemann, and that he was prejudiced.

ASKED TO FIX PRICE

PAPER MAKERS WANT U. S. TO SET COST OF PRODUCT.

MEANS MUCH TO PUBLISHERS

Proposal Made by Manufacturers in in Face of Prosecution .- Promise to Keep Up Supply.

Washington. - News print paper manufacturers facing criminal prosecution in United States courts for alleged participation in restraint of trade, proposed to the federal trade commission that it fix a reasonable price for the output of the principal plants of the United States and Canada. The commission announced it had the proposal under considera-

The action of the manufacturers gives a signal victory to American newspaper publishers, who, in the face of advancing paper prices, have seen nothing ahead but ruin for many of their number.

With prices of print paper fixed by the commission, officials see a marked expansion of the functions of the government which, in arbitrating the differences between two industries, opens up a wide field of possibilities for the future.

Although nothing has been said concerning the continuance of grand jury proceedings in New York, it is well understood the manufacturers' move was predicated on the assumption that there would be no criminal prose cutions.

The investigation was put under way last summer under a resolution adopted by the senate. Information gathered tending to show anti-trust law violations was turned over to the ings held last fall and as late as January, the manufacturers, it is said, discouraged the commission's efforts to find a solution for prohibitive prices. After the grand jury proceedings were started they came voluntarily to Washington with their proposition.

It is estimated if reasonable prices are fixed at least \$30,000,000 will be saved to American publishers this year. Nothing is said of increased production, but it is understood the manufacturers are willing to keep enough machines on news print to insure a paper supply for the entire country.

bandit held up B. H. Schaberg, president of the First National bank in the bank here and escaped in an automobile with \$1,891. The president was alone in the bank. The bandit asked Schaberg to

Bank Near Lincoln Robbed.

University Place, Neb .- A lone

away from the cash till he was confronted by the bandit's revolver. The bandit backed Schaberg into the vault, closed the heavy door and

change a bill. When Schaberg turned

turned the combination. He then took the money, most of it in currency. The robber then leisurely walked out of the bank within sight of a score of people on the street. He jumped into an automobile a block away, where a confederate was wait ing. While the bandit took his time to make his escape Schaberg was working frantically within the vault. He kept a screw driver and a hammer in the vault for just such an emergency, he said. He succeeded in manipulating the combination in a few

miuutes and escaped.

Says 400 U-Boats Captured. Baltimore, Md.-That the merchant submarine Deutschland has been captured and that he saw her in Plymouth harbor with 186 other German submarines, was the statement made here by William Palmer, second engineer of the American transport liner Mongolia. Palmer said that the British had captured 400 enemy submarines. and that 187 of them were in Ply. mouth chained together and in the center of a huge network of chains attached to buyovs and wharves. Captain Koenig, commander of the submarine freighter, and his crew are in

Bill With Dry Law Passed.

English jails, said Palmer.

Washington.-With its added drastic prohibition legislative provisions the annual postoffice appropriation bill carrying \$332,000,000, was passed by the senate after a week of vigorous debate. It was sent back to the house, which will ask for a conference on the amendments. The senate wrote into the bill a provision making it a commercial offense to ship liquor into states which prohibit its manufacture and sale.

Will Remain Neutral.

Bogota, Columbia.-The government has replied to President Wilson's note in respect to the German submarine campaign saying that Colombia would preserve her attitude of neutrality. The reply expresses hope for peace between Germany and America.

Anxious to Return to U. S.

are waiting here for the first chance

to return to the United States. The

Rotterdam .- A score of Americans

sailing of assenpger ships has been suspended indefinitely. Prists Act as Stage Hands.

Denver, Colo.-One priest directed the orchestra and another shifted scenes when union theatrical employes struck during a performance by an amateur organization made up of attendants at the Immaculate Conception cathedral here. The strike followed discovery that non-union musiciaus were playing in the orchestra. The audience signified to Father production, that it desired the performance completed despite the diffi-

cuties. It was.