

# INCIDENT IS CLOSED

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR FLAG INCIDENT.

## WAGING WAR ON ALCOHOL

Temperance Question Is Foremost One in England—Hessian Fly Survives Winter in Nebraska.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Inasmuch as the desecration of the American flag flying above the home of John B. McManus, an American citizen murdered in Mexico City, was the act of lawless persons acting without authority, the United States government has decided to make no demand for an apology. Secretary Bryan announced that the incident was closed with the receipt of a dispatch from the Brazilian minister in Mexico City.

"The Brazilian minister," said Mr. Bryan, "did not think the facts in the case showed any attempt on the part of any officers or authorities to desecrate the flag, and he did not therefor regard it as a case where an apology should be asked." Officials pointed out later that the attitude was in accord with the policy of the United States in dealing with such cases in the past.

The payment of the \$20,000 indemnity to the widow of McManus and the general expression of regret by the Villa-Zapata authorities, are held to be sufficient reparation.

## WAGING WAR ON ALCOHOL.

Temperance Question Takes Precedence Over All Other Matters.

London.—The war on alcohol, an outcome of the labor situation in Great Britain, has definitely taken precedence over the much-talked-of "spring advance of the allies in the west," the reason being that the problem of ammunition has become more pressing than that of recruiting.

The pronouncement of cabinet leaders of the letter of King George on the question of temperance are intended to pave the way and sound public sentiment preparatory to either shutting off absolutely the sale of drink throughout the country, except on physicians' prescriptions, or the adoption of some measure which, while perhaps not called absolute prohibition will have almost as drastic an effect.

## Hessian Fly Survives Winter.

Washington.—The Hessian fly has survived the winter in Nebraska and threatens heavy damage, according to a statement issued by the department of agriculture. Early and deep plowing of all infested fields is recommended. Wheat sown late last fall which did not get a very good start will fall especially easy prey to the fly. "The farmers will fare much better," says the department, "to destroy these heavily infested fields where, owing to attacks of the fly, the present stand is very thin, than he will to allow it to stand and permit the flies to emerge and injure fields not serious infested."

## Claim Treasury Was Looted.

Washington.—An official statement by the Villa-Zapata convention government in Mexico City received by the state department charges that Carranza officials during their occupancy of the capital removed from the national treasury government bonds and other securities valued at 16,000,000 pesos. Many of these securities, which had been deposited as guarantees by concessionaires and contractors, are owned by foreigners.

## Huerta Sails for South America.

London.—The Fabra agency of Madrid has received a dispatch from Cadix, Spain, saying that General Victoriano Huerta, former provisional president of Mexico, had sailed, with his family, for Buenos Ayres, Argentina.

## Passenger Charged With Arson.

Paris.—Raymond Swoboda, one of the passengers aboard the French line steamship La Touraine, which was imperiled by a fire at sea on March 6, has been arrested charged with setting fire to the vessel.

## Passes Anti-Tipping Bill.

Des Moines.—The Iowa house has passed the anti-tipping bill prohibiting proprietors of hotels and restaurants and conductors on dining and sleeping cars from allowing employes to receive gratuities.

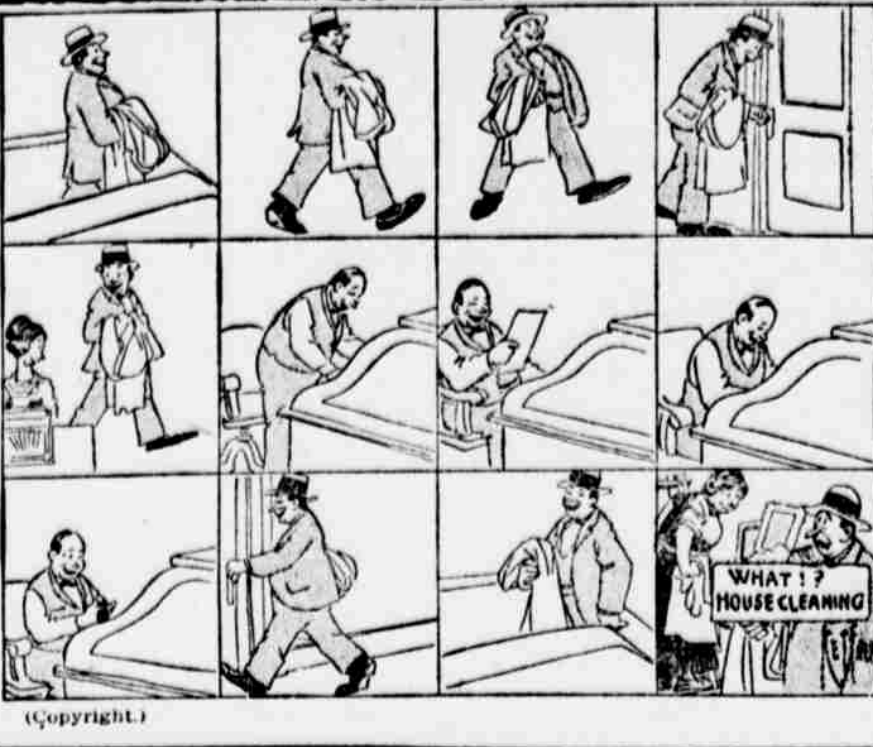
## Tse-ne-gat Taken to Denver.

Salt Lake, Utah.—Tse-ne-gat, the direct cause of the recent Plute uprising, has been taken to Denver to stand trial in federal court there on a charge of killing a Mexican on the Navajo Springs reservation a year ago.

## Another British Ship Torpedoed.

New Haven, England.—The British steamer Seven Seas, of 632 tons, was torpedoed by a German submarine off Beachyhead Thursday afternoon. The attack was without warning, and eleven of her crew of eighteen, including all the officers except the second engineer were drowned. Such was the force of the explosion that the hatches were blown off and a big hole was torn in the steamer's side, causing her to sink within three minutes.

# TAKING THE JOY OUT OF SPRING



## EXPORT TRADE RUNS HIGH

ROUNDED UP BY TURKS AND RUTHLESSLY MASSACRED.

Increases Shown in Shipments to France and Great Britain—City of Mexico in Neutral Zone.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Tabriz, Persia.—Preceding the reoccupation by the Russians of Salmac plains, in Azerbaijan province, northeast of Urumiah, hundreds of native Christians were rounded up by the Turks in the village of Hattewan and massacred. Many of these were searched out from the home of friendly Mohammedans who tried to hide them. The Russians on entering the village found 720 bodies, mostly naked and mutilated. The recovery of bodies from wells, pools and ditches and their burial kept 300 men busy for three days. The wailing of women intensified the horror of the scene. Surviving widows who were able to identify the bodies of their husbands insisted upon digging graves and burying the bodies.

## Mexico City Neutral Zone.

Washington.—With the hope of securing permanent protection for the 250,000 foreigners in Mexico City, the United States government has proposed to the Villa-Zapata forces and to General Carranza that the Mexican capital be declared neutral and outside the field of operations hereafter in Mexico's civil war. The Villa-Zapata forces have agreed to the proposal and are willing to evacuate the city as soon as a similar agreement is obtained with the Carranza authorities, who are now being negotiated with. The Villa-Zapata forces have agreed to the proposal of the United States for neutralization of passenger trains between Mexico City and Vera Cruz.

## EXPORT TRADE RUNS HIGH.

Increases Shown in Shipments to Great Britain and France.

Washington.—Continued huge increases in American exports to France and Great Britain and the principal European neutrals is shown in an analysis of foreign trade for February issued by the department of commerce. Decreases in exports to Russia and Germany that began soon after the war's outbreak continue, and no American merchandise reached Austria-Hungary during the month. However, the latter country sent goods to the United States valued at \$903,996, as compared with Austrian imports a year ago worth \$1,823,921. Improvement in trade conditions in some of the Latin-American countries as they affect the United States was reflected in the statement, which showed that exports to Brazil last month were worth \$2,174,426, compared with \$1,801,002 in January and \$1,854,762 in February, 1914.

## Allies Buying Automobiles.

Appleton, Wis.—A local automobile concern has announced that it has received an order from the European allies for \$1,500,000 worth of machines.

## Will Abandon the League.

Omaha.—Women who belonged to the so-called "Child Conservation League," and who withdrew when they learned the national organization was merely the project of a Chicago book concern, will federate with the Mothers' Culture club, which has many branch organizations and members in Omaha. Each woman paid \$15 for a set of books which are published by the Chicago concern and which are supposed to be a course of study for mothers.

## Farmers to Have Mutual Company.

Fremont, Neb.—Farmers of Dodge county in attendance at the quarterly meeting of the Dodge County Farmers' union at Scribner, voted to organize a mutual hail insurance company to protect themselves against loss of crops. It was brought out at the meeting that the farmers are not satisfied with the insurance policies offered by the general companies, claiming they do not get the protection they want, and as a result many of them have been carrying their own insurance.

## GERMAN CRUISER EITEL FILLS COAL BUNKERS.

Turkish Government Promises to Protect Foreigners in Urumiah—Submarine Sinks Two More Ships.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Newport News, Va.—Under supervision of the United States navy the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich Wednesday filled her bunkers with 1,600 tons of coal which had been delivered alongside during the day. When the coal barges arrived at the shipyards where the Eitel Friedrich is moored orders were immediately given to bar all approaches. As the first sack of coal was hoisted from the barges the ship's band struck up a German national air and at frequent intervals until a late hour the sailors labored to the accompaniment of patriotic music.

## Submarines Sink Two More Ships.

London.—Two German submarines, the U-28 and another, the number of which has not been ascertained, which have been operating off the west coast of England during the past few days, have added two more British steamers, the Flamman and Crown of Castle, to their list of victims, totaling five since Saturday. There was no loss of life on the Flamman and Crown of Castle, the crews of each being given bare time in which to get into their boats. In the case of the latter vessel, however, the submarine fired before the crew left the steamer, and shells passed along the bridge on which the captain and an apprentice were standing.

## A GUARANTEE OF PROTECTION.

Washington.—Assurance that protection will be given to the entire population of Urumiah, Persia, where attacks on Americans and other foreigners and on native Christians have been reported, has been given Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople by the Turkish government. In a message to the state department Mr. Morgenthau said the Ottoman authorities had promised that not only foreigners, but natives as well would be protected by the Turkish regular troops due at Urumiah last Saturday. Officials here are inclined to believe that the stories of atrocities at Urumiah were overdrawn.

## Villa Levies War Fund.

San Antonio, Tex.—General Villa is reported from Monterey to have received and acknowledged a contribution of 1,000,000 pesos from Monterey merchants. Americans, it is said, were exempt from contributions. General Villa, when he received the members of the Monterey chamber of commerce in connection with the contributions, caused the foreigners to be separated from the Mexicans.

## Legislators Are Entertained.

Lincoln, Neb.—Members of the legislature were the guests of the Commercial club at a banquet at the Commercial club rooms Wednesday night, followed by the gridiron stunt staged by newspaper men and members of the club. The stunt was a mock session of the house and senate, staged in the dining room following the dinner. Eccentricities of various members, jests about happenings of the session and a general take-off on law-making as exemplified in 1915 made up the proceedings.

## Persian Disorder Being Denied.

Washington.—The Turkish government denies that there have been any disorders at Urumiah, Persia. Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople cabled the state department that the grand vizier had so informed him on the strength of a report made to him by the Turkish war office. Mr. Morgenthau reported that further instructions that order must be maintained had been sent to Urumiah at his request and that regular Turkish troops were on their way to the scene.

# STORM TAKES TOLL

EASTER BLIZZARD CAUSES MUCH GRIEF IN EAST.

## SITUATION BAD IN MEXICO

Mexican Situation Declared More Chaotic and Helpless than Ever—Submarine Sinks More Vessels.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Norfolk, Va.—Reports of many marine disasters along the Atlantic seaboard have reached this city in the wake of Saturday's violent storm. The loss of life was not known.

Five members of the crew of the tug Edward Luckenbach are known to have been drowned when that vessel foundered off False cape, and ten others are missing. The Dutch steamer Prins Maurits is believed to have gone down with all aboard, numbering forty-nine. The vessel was last heard from off Cape Hatteras, when her wireless calls for help said she was in a dangerous condition.

Two British warships, the coast guard cutter Onondaga, and several other vessels rushed to the Maurits' aid. The British warship, the Corona, reached the position reported by the steamer, but there was no trace of the vessel.

## Vessels Blown Up by Submarines.

Newcastle, Eng.—Three Tyne trawlers, the Gloxiana, Jason and Nellie, were sunk by the German submarine U-10 Friday. After all the members of the crew were safely in small boats, the Germans blew up the trawlers. They then towed the fishermen toward the Tyne until they encountered a fishing craft, which brought the men ashore. The fishermen say that the commander of the submarine was quite congenial. He supplied hot coffee and tobacco to them.

## MORE CHAOTIC THAN EVER.

Mexican Situation Said to Be in Worst Condition Known.

El Paso, Tex.—A statement from the American colony at Mexico City, in which it was declared that the situation was "more chaotic and helpless than ever," was brought to the border by Arthur Bullard Johnson, a delegate representing jointly the 2,000 Americans and the international committee of the capital district, the latter composed of seventeen nationalities, aggregating more than 10,000 persons. Mr. Johnson is on his way east to take up the matter with public men.

The resolutions were drawn March 10 at a meeting attended by about 200 members of the American colony, in answer to a communication from the Washington government again suggesting that the Americans leave the republic.

## Live Stock Judging Contest.

Lincoln, Neb.—In the first interscholastic live stock judging contest ever held at the University farm, the team from Oakland high school won the first place of the eleven teams competing. Out of a possible 5,700 points, Oakland won first with 4,263; Fairfield second with 4,144; Pawnee third, with 4,118; Blair fourth, with 4,026; Red Cloud fifth, with 3,944; Tecumseh sixth, with 3,856; York seventh, with 3,853; Wahoo eighth, with 3,812; Crete with 3,694; Holdrege with 3,638, and Alma ninth, with 3,230.

## Big Mail on Temperance.

London.—The first morning mail to reach Chancery of the Exchequer Lloyd-George Saturday brought about 15,000 letters, virtually all dealing with the question of abstinence from drinking in England. These communications were received by the chancellor in answer to the full page appeal appearing in the newspapers urging citizens to write him in favor of absolute prohibition.

## East St. Louis, Ill.—The Italian government has contracted with dealers here for fifteen thousand horses.

A previous contract for 8,000 horses already has been filled and several thousand horses have been shipped under the new contract. Thus far eighty thousand horses have been shipped from here to the European belligerents.

## Many Athletes Will Be There.

Lincoln, Neb.—The annual meet of the Western Intercollegiate Gymnastic association, said to be the largest event of the kind ever staged in the west, will be held in Lincoln April 10. More teams and more individuals will be entered than ever before in the history of the association. It is estimated that the contests will bring about 150 athletes, coaches and officials to Lincoln. The entries include 108 men from the Universities of Nebraska, Minnesota, Chicago, Illinois, Purdue, Indiana and Iowa.

## Government Aid for Farmers.

Washington.—Government aid to farmers on farm mortgages will be interposed by a group of representatives in opposition to any other plan of rural credits at the next session of congress. Representative Henry of Texas said: "We will fight any proposition from the congressional joint committee of rural credits that does not provide for the two fundamental propositions of government aid and a banking system for the farmers separate and distinct from the federal reserve system."

# BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Aurora wants the 1916 G. A. R. an campment.

The old high school building at the village of Bennet has just organized a commercial club.

Exeter was destroyed by fire. Merchants at Ord have inaugurated a co-operative delivery service.

The commercial club at Liberty is pushing a project for a new hotel.

Peru is already discussing the question of a Fourth of July celebration.

Lenora Kruse, 11 years old, of Avoca, fell from a hay left and broke several ribs.

Dairymen at Beatrice have taken steps to organize a cow-testing association.

Lincoln has secured the national conference of music supervisors for next year.

The Western league baseball season will open at Lincoln, Friday, April 23, with Denver.

Fruit prospects over the state are said to be the most promising for many seasons.

The Kearney baseball team has adopted the name "Buffaloes" as its official "moniker."

Lincoln Commercial club is making arrangements for an historical pageant, June 5 and 6.

Parker Anderson an old resident of Pauline, was found dead in bed, a victim of heart failure.

Syracuse will vote on water extension, sewer system and electric lights at the coming election.

Congregationalists of Beatrice are making arrangements for the erection of a new \$16,000 church edifice.

Chadron Commercial club has an employment bureau that last week found places for twenty-four people.

The Wahoo school board put the lid on cards and dancing by any of the teachers employed for the coming year.

While excavating for the new school house at Campbell, workmen unearthed portions of the skeleton of a mastodon.

Fred Fergior of Seward was instantly killed when he jumped from a moving train at Tamora, his neck being broken.

According to the figures of the United States department of agriculture, Nebraska leads in the number of horses per capita.

Fred Rose, a 10-year-old boy living near Broken Bow, had his lower lip bitten off by a vicious horse he was leading to water.

Legislators were entertained by the Lincoln Commercial club with a banquet at which the gridiron stunt was the prevailing motif.

Roy Dean of Humboldt has just shipped by express a car load of draft horses to Ohio, where they will be used for farm work.

Nebraska City police have requested citizens of that place to refrain from feeding the tramps that are overrunning that community.

The Beatrice postoffice will continue as a first-class office, the receipts for the fiscal year ending March 31 exceeding the \$40,000 mark.

Playgrounds will be established in a number of Nebraska towns this summer. Hastings having planned to spend \$2,500 on one for that place.

R. B. Redell, former principal of the Albion high school, has been elected to succeed L. E. Martin to the superintendency at Schuyler.

Estimate is made that 75 per cent of the bees in Richardson county have died of starvation, neglect and diseases incident to the long winter.

W. F. Denton, of Sterling, was elected chairman of the Burlington system by the order of railway trainmen at its meeting held in Chicago.

Freeman Wadsworth, 13 years old, was accidentally shot near Wayne when a gun in the hands of a companion was discharged while on a hunting trip.

Early and deep plowing is recommended in Nebraska by the department of agriculture to kill the Hessian fly, which has to a certain extent survived the winter.

Shickley board of education will add a twelfth grade to the schools at that place.

A chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will be organized at Lincoln.

A number of cases of smallpox have developed at Hastings, despite the efforts of officials to subdue it. A quarantine is now being rigidly enforced.

N. W. Smalls, recently elected postmaster at Fremont, has taken charge of the office. B. W. Reynolds, who retires, making the transfer without ceremony.

Roy Scarborough, 22 years old, of Dunbar, was found dead in an alley at that place, epilepsy, to which he was subject, being the probable cause of his death.

The Community club of Liberty, which has a membership of fifty-four, has taken preliminary steps for the erection of a new hotel at that place to cost about \$5,000.

As the result of the shooting of Mrs. Ida Stout by her husband, Harry, in a Burlington train in Lincoln, May 28, 1914, five Nebraska saloonkeepers are made defendants in a \$11,400 damage suit.

Charles H. Miller, in charge of the music at the Lincoln high school, was elected a director of the national conference of music supervisors at their sessions just closed at Philadelphia.

The oldest frame building in Lincoln, built over fifty years ago, and located near the Burlington depot, is being torn down to be replaced with a modern brick block.

According to figures just completed, the 484 students of the college of agriculture represent sixty-seven counties in Nebraska. The highest registration from one county is 154, from Lancaster.

# SENDS MORE BILLS

ASKED TO EXTEND AUTHORITY OF LIVE STOCK BOARD

## To Bring About Eradication of Contagious and Infectious Diseases

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Two more bills were sent to the legislature Wednesday morning by Governor Morehead, and were introduced in the lower chamber as H. R. Nos. 762 and 763.

The former measure was formally introduced by the Gage county delegation, and provides that school board members in cities of 5,000 to 40,000 shall be elected for terms of six years, one-third to be chosen every two years.

The second bill confers special powers on the state veterinarian and the live stock sanitary board, to make and enforce quarantine regulations governing interstate shipments of stock to bring about the eradication

of contagious and infectious diseases. Authority is conferred on the state veterinarian and his assistants to brand or mark infected animals in quarantine for the purpose of identification. They are also empowered to make arrests without warrant. It is made incumbent upon county attorneys to prosecute violations of the law reported from the state veterinarian's office.

In another message to the house, Governor Morehead requested that a special committee be appointed to confer with him on the amount of an appropriation deemed necessary to reimburse owners of cattle which may be killed by order of the state veterinarian or the live stock sanitary board because of foot and mouth disease.

Iowa-Nebraska Boundary To put Lake Manawa territory into Iowa and bring the East Omaha strip into Nebraska is the purpose of H. R. No. 298, the Negley bill for an Iowa-Nebraska boundary commission, which the house in committee of the whole approved Monday and sent to third reading. An amendment was added for an appropriation of \$300 to pay expenses.

Originally the Missouri river was the boundary line between the two states, but in the course of the past fifty or sixty years several sudden changes have been made in the channel of the stream, the effect of which, under federal laws and court decisions, is to leave the tracts thus cut off in the same states where they were located. The boundary commission provided for by the Negley act will endeavor to make a trade and restore the river boundary.

The senate has recommended for passage a bill appropriating \$2,012.54 for the relief of Sarpy county for expenses incurred in trying police officers who pursued the escaped convicts following the prison outbreak and as a result of which a farmer, Roy Blunt, was killed. There was no opposition. Senator Gates of Sarpy explained that this was the actual sum expended by the county in the prosecution of the case against these officers as a result of popular clamor at the time and that county could not avoid it.

In a communication to the legislature, Governor Morehead called attention to the services rendered by the members of the tornado relief commission appointed two years ago, and suggested that a resolution be passed expressing the thanks of the lawmakers, on behalf of the people of the state. A committee was appointed in the house, comprising Messrs. Hostetter, Larsen and Lanigan, to draft such a resolution. The commission has had a report printed showing a balance of \$6,756 on hand, out of the \$100,000 appropriated in 1913, which will go back into the state treasury.

## Abolishment of the presidential elector method of voting for president and vice president of the United States and substitution of names of the candidates therefor is urged in a memorial to congress, which Representative Anderson of Boyd still has hopes of getting the legislature to act upon.

An effort by Chambers of Douglas county to revive the boxing bill failed in the house. The vote showed only thirty-two members in favor and fifty against it.



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