

GENERAL FUND IS RUNNING OVER

HEAVY LOSS OF FISH IN LAKES DURING WINTER

NEWS OF THE STATE HOUSE

Items of General Interest Gathered From Reliable Sources at State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service
Under an old cut of date law, which was passed in 1873, State Treasurer Hall has given official notice in writing to Governor Morehead and Auditor Smith that the general fund of Nebraska now contains a sum exceeding \$170,000. The last time such a notice was sent from the state treasurer's office was during the administration of Governor Shellenberger in 1909. The law says that when more than \$100,000 accumulates in the state treasurer's hands he shall notify the governor and auditor to that effect, and within three days thereafter the three officials shall meet to decide whether or not the funds on hand are needed to meet current claims. If they find that the money is not needed for this purpose, the statute requires them to invest it in United States 4 per cent bonds (none of which are now on the market.)

Argues Against Appropriation

Appropriations by counties for the aid of their agricultural societies and for county fairs operated by such bodies should not exceed the total of all premiums given. That is the contention of Ed A. Smith of Omaha in argument of a case before the state supreme court recently in which an attack had been launched against the county aid bill.

Attorney Smith insisted that on account of a discrepancy between the title and the body of the state aid bill of the 1913 session, the act should be nullified. The title, he said, was much narrower than the body of the law. The law sets up no restrictions as to amount of appropriation and the members of the Douglas county board, he told the court, are levying 5 cents apiece for each voter of the county, or a total of \$7,500 a year.

To Test Power of State Treasurer

Suit has been filed by the attorney general in the supreme court to test the right of the state treasurer to require county treasurers to remit state funds monthly. W. G. Ure, treasurer of Douglas county, was made defendant. The court gave permission for the filing of the suit and issued a peremptory writ of mandamus commanding him to turn over \$170,000 alleged to be due to state treasury for collections made since January, or to show cause by June 17 why he should not do so. Mr. Ure questions the right of the state treasurer to require remittance by the fifth of every month and will contest the case.

There has been a heavy loss of fish in the lakes in the northern part of the state, according to word received by Chief Game Warden Rutenbeck. Last winter there was a heavy freezing of ice on the surface of many of the bodies of water in Cherry county and Brown county. The ice was covered in turn by deep snow which resulted in making the lakes air proof. The theory that the fish were killed because of the absence of air holes and fresh air is dispelled by the warden, who holds that the loss has been caused by the noxious and poisonous gases arising from vegetation rotting in the water, gases which could not escape on account of the ice.

Enders lake in Brown county has been a heavy loser. Now the surface of the water is covered by floating bodies of the fish, and the dead bodies have decomposed causing a disagreeable odor. Dewey lake in Cherry county escaped the blight. The region is principally noted for its bass.

Deputy Game Warden William Kantopp of Falls City has reported to his chief that he had been to Cedar Creek and Louisville, where he found and destroyed some traps and nets which were being used to catch fish illegally. The owners of these devices were not found, and no arrests were made.

Postage at Hastings Asylum

Dr. Baxter, superintendent of the state hospital for the insane at Hastings, in reply to a letter from the state board of control asking him concerning his expenditures for postage, explains the system of letter writing adopted by his office and that patients are allowed to write two letters a week. It is impossible to tell how many letters are written and mailed the institution. Attention was called to his postage expenditures, owing to the fact that he buys \$15 worth of stamps each month in the year, one month excepted. He explains that sometimes this is more than is used and when the accumulation of excess stamps on hand is sufficient he does not send in a monthly voucher or ask for a state warrant for the purchase of stamps.

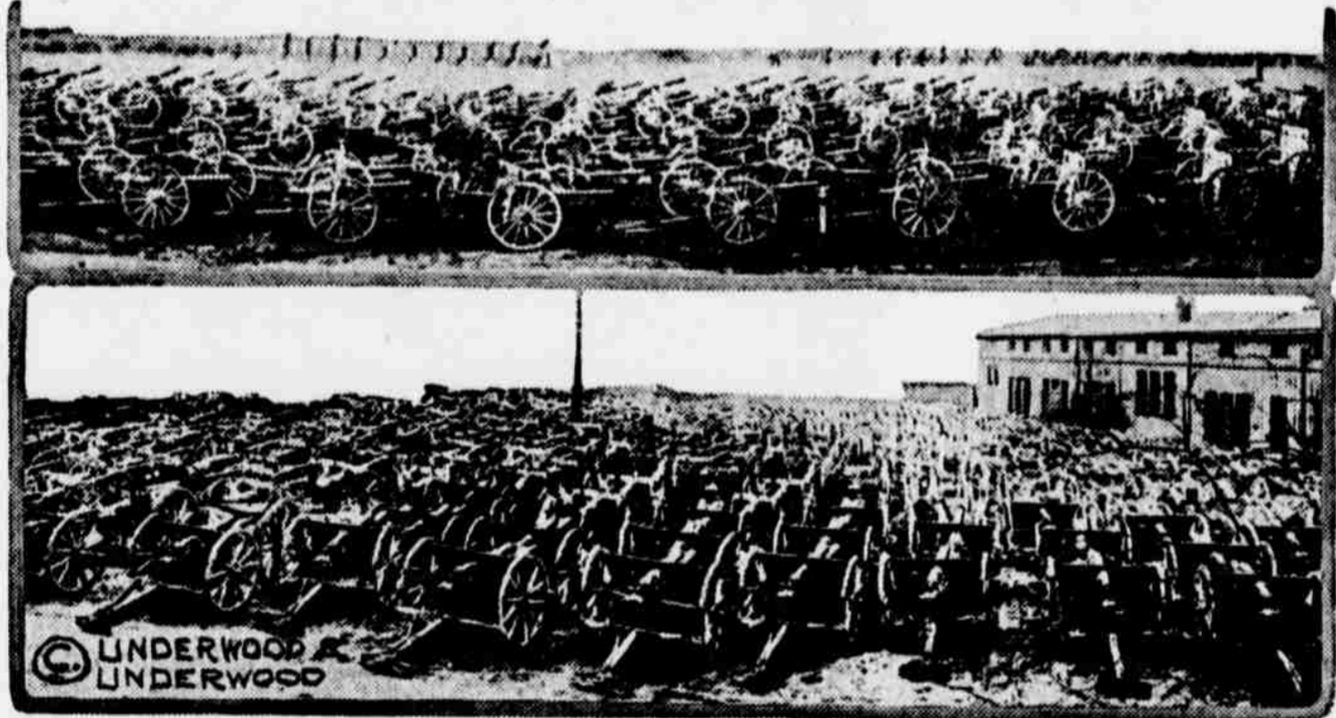
State Auditor Smith has sent to Anton Nelson, of Greeley, an old warrant for \$7.50, dated April 15, 1909 in payment of wolf bounty claims dating prior to that time. This was a duplicate warrant which had been lying in a pigeonhole in the auditor's office for six years.

ADMIRAL FLETCHER AND FLEET CAPTAINS



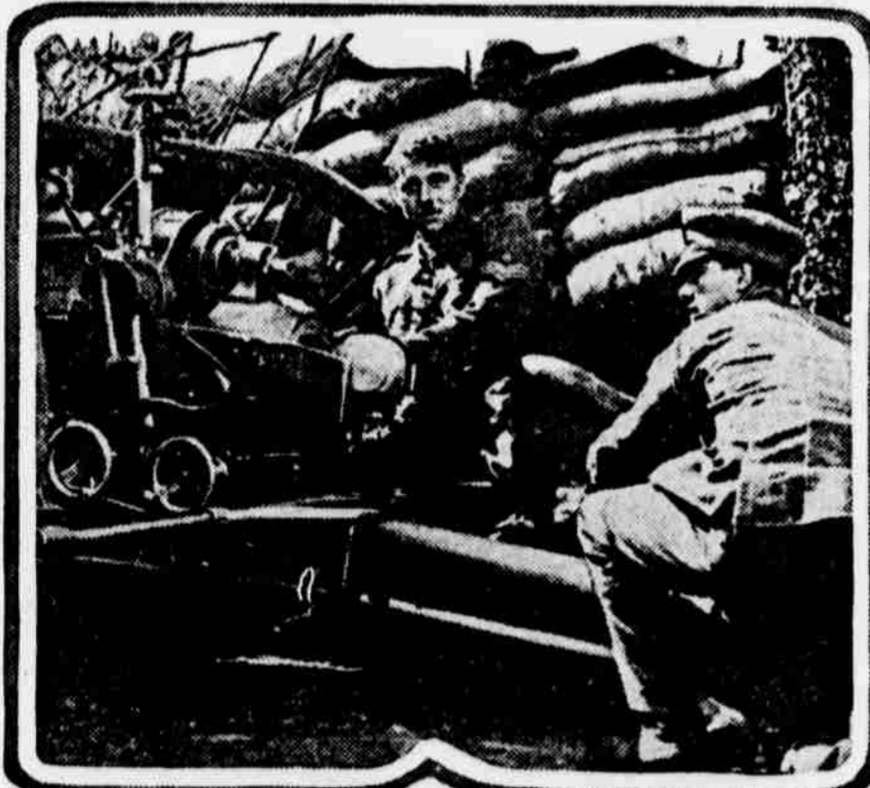
Admiral Fletcher, commander of the Atlantic fleet, conferring with other officers on the flagship Wyoming. Standing, with his back turned, is Capt. Albert Gleaves of the Utah; seated, left to right, are Capt. W. L. Rogers of the Delaware, Admiral Fletcher and Captain Huse, chief of staff.

ACRES OF CANNON CAPTURED BY THE GERMANS



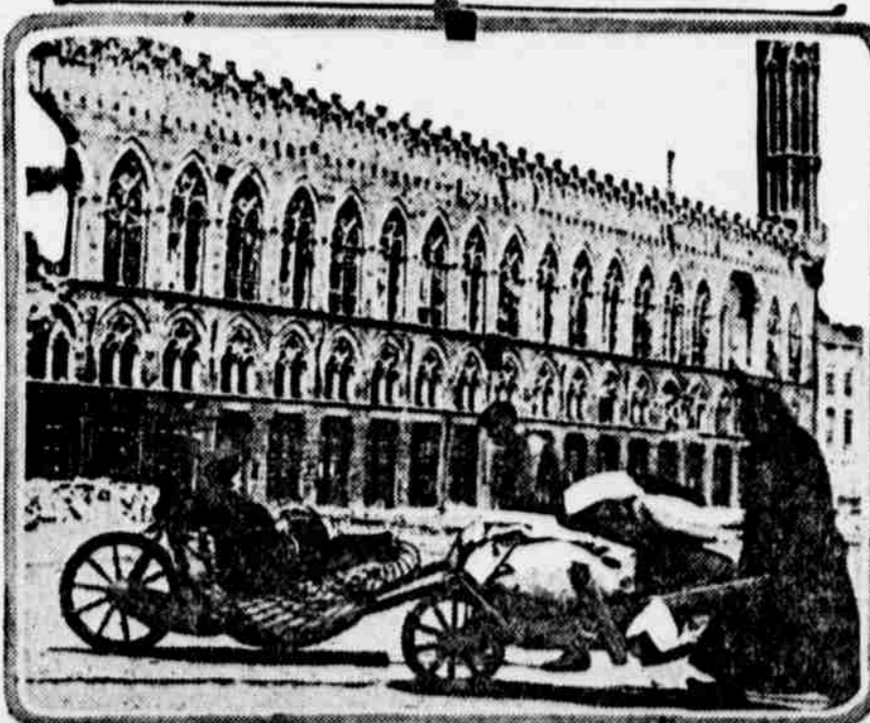
Scenes at the Krupp works at Essen, Germany, showing acres of field and siege guns captured from the English, French and Russians and sent to Essen to be repaired and remodeled.

BRITISH ARTILLERY AT ST. ELOI



Men of the Royal Scots Fusiliers handling a heavy gun in the fiercely contested battle that took place in the ruined village of St. Eloi.

LAST REFUGEES LEAVING YPRES



The once beautiful city of Ypres, which has been so terribly battered by the guns of both armies, is now utterly abandoned by its inhabitants. The last of the refugees are here seen leaving the city.

ADMIRAL WINTERHALTER



Rear Admiral Winterhalter is the new commander of the Asiatic fleet of the American navy and has gone to China to succeed Admiral Cowles. For some time he has been serving in Washington as aid to the secretary for material.

Flies Dislike Color of Blue.
A French scientist is authority for the statement that flies have a distinct objection to the color of blue. This was first discovered by a farmer who keeps a large number of cows in several sheds. One of these sheds happened to be painted blue on the inside, and in this one the cows were little troubled by flies. He blueed all the walls and thus protected all his cows. French farmers in the vicinity are now adding a blue coloring to their whitewash. Their formula is as follows: To twenty gallons of water add ten pounds of slacked lime and one pound of ultramarine. The walls are tinted twice during the summer.

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Reminded Him.
Mr. Highbrow, who posed as an arbiter of taste, looked round the tiers of boxes at the opera house the other evening and said:
"I suppose, if a woman's shoulders are very beautiful, she has a right, a moral right, to wear a very décolleté gown. At the same time—"
Mr. Highbrow chuckled and shook his head.
"At the same time," he resumed, "the fashionable woman of today reminds me of the prophet."
"How so?" said his interlocutor.
"How so?"
"She hasn't much on 'er in her own country," was the smiling reply.

Question of Supplies.
"Daisy," remarked her Sunday school teacher, "don't love your cat too much. What would you do if it died—you wouldn't see it again?"
"Oh, yes, teacher; I should see it in heaven."
"No, dear, you're mistaken; animals cannot go to heaven like people."
Daisy's eyes filled with tears, but suddenly she exclaimed triumphantly, "Animals do go to heaven, for the bible says the promised land is flowing with milk and honey, and, if there are no animals, where do they get the milk!"

Forced to Make Up for Lost Time.
"Whenever I'm yur in Kay See," stated Sandstorm Smith of Rampage, Okla., who is for the nonce in the city's midst, "I don't go to bed with the chickens, by any manner of means, and yet I'm never triffin' around so late at night that I don't see hundreds of prominent people scooting through the scenery in automobiles. Strikes me that folks yur are scandalously behind with their riding."—Kansas City Star.

A Lone Vulgarian.
"This seems to be a very exclusive restaurant."
"Yes, indeed. Why, even the waiters are perfect gentlemen. The only coarse person one ever sees here is the proprietor, and I don't suppose it would be possible to exclude him."

A Paying Well.
Bill—Why, he has a well on his place.
Jill—Yes, he's way behind the times. "Behind nothing! It's an oil well!"
The Usual Thing.
Mrs. Askitt—Do you keep a servant?
Mrs. Noltt—Yess, and several of her relations.—Indianapolis Star.

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