

WIPED OFF THE MAP

TROPICAL HURRICANE WRECKS LOUISIANA TOWNS.

DECLARE FOR CHURCH UNION

Branch of Northern Presbyterians Favor Union of Bodies—Louisiana Territory Under Water.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Mobile, Ala.—Rigolets and Dunbar, La., villages on a narrow strip of land between Lake Borgne and Lake Pontchartrain, northwest of New Orleans, have been wiped out with large loss of life by the tropical hurricane, according to a statement by officials of the Louisville & Nashville railroad. The announcement said that train service over the road into New Orleans would be impossible for weeks, the tracks from Pass Christian to Bay St. Louis having been completely destroyed.

Rigolets and Dunbar have been wiped out," said the announcement. "Many have been drowned. We have no way of knowing just now how many. We are just beginning to receive first details of the disaster. It will be weeks before a train is operated into or out of New Orleans."

Under Fifteen Feet of Water.

New Orleans, La.—Reports from scattered sections of the hurricane area in Louisiana and the Mississippi gulf coast give 149 known dead, 106 dreds of persons along the Mississippi and interior points are marooned in flooded sections. South of New Orleans for sixty miles, the territory on both sides of the Mississippi river, is under from four to fifteen feet of water, and hundreds of persons are reported marooned in trees and wreckage.

reported dead and 105 missing. HUN- CHURCH UNION DECLARED FOR

Branch of Northern Presbyterians Favors Uniting.

Hot Springs, Ark.—A definite statement of readiness for organic union with the other Presbyterian bodies of this country, and a strong statement of the desirability of such union, was adopted unanimously by the southern district church efficiency convention of the Presbyterian church in the United States (northern), in session here. The declaration was made in the report of the resolutions committee.

Says the People Must Decide.

Pekin.—President Yuan Shi Kai has replied to the recent suggestion of parliament that there should be immediate action to determine whether the people want a monarchy or a republic by stating that the decision must await the vote of the citizens' convention. "The responsibility for passing the constitution develops upon the citizens' convention," said President Yuan. "As the solution of the question concerns the nation's foundation, it is imperative that we proceed carefully. We already have fixed November 20 for the final elections. When these are completed the convention will be inaugurated and then we shall ascertain the people's opinion."

Looking into the Appropriations.

Washington.—President Wilson has begun examining the annual appropriation estimates prepared by cabinet members for presentation to congress in December. The president has instructed that the estimates be kept as low as possible, and that strict economy be observed. War and navy department estimates, which will provide increased appropriations for the national defense, have not been finally submitted to the president.

Haitian Rebels Accept Terms.

Cape Haitien.—The Haitian rebels who have been resisting the American troops, resulting in several fatal encounters recently, have agreed to lay down their arms. A conference was held between the principal rebel leaders and American officers. The rebels accepted the conditions offered by the Americans and promised to cease armed resistance.

Former Nebraskan Dies in Missouri.

Lincoln, Neb.—Walt M. Seely, for years a leader in the republican party of Nebraska, died Thursday at his home near Cabool, Mo., according to a message received here. Although the cause was not given, it is presumed that death was due to Bright's disease.

Des From Football Injury.

Austin, Tex.—Floyd Reynolds, aged 11, is dead as a result of an injury received in a football scrimmage. A blood vessel in his head burst.

Mexicans Fire on American Patrol.

Brownsville, Tex.—Three shots were fired at a patrol of twenty American cavalrymen near LaFeria pumping plant, about twenty-five miles up the Rio Grande. Two shots came from the Mexican side of the river and the other from someone hidden in the brush on the American side. The troopers saw no one, but fired about sixty shots in an effort to beat up the brush in the direction of the concealed "snipers," in an unsuccessful effort to see whether Mexicans were gathering for an attack.

THOSE TROUBLESOME BOYS



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WIRELESS TELEPHONE TEST

FIFTEEN NEBRASKA VETERANS AGAIN REVIEWED BY PRESIDENT.

Talk by Radio from Ocean to Ocean—Tropical Storm Causes Great Damage on Gulf Coast.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington.—Seventy Nebraska veterans added their quota to the thousands marching before the president Wednesday, and none faltered until the tramp was over. A place of honor was given to F. Merryman of Kearney, who acted as aid-de-camp to Commander-in-Chief Palmer. Fifteen of the veterans in the Nebraska delegation were repeating a march made fifty years ago when President Johnson reviewed the victorious members of the G. A. R. The names of the fifteen are as follows: John Lett, Lincoln, Seventy-third Iowa infantry; A. M. Trimble, Ninety-third Illinois infantry, Lincoln; J. L. Walter, Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania infantry, Lincoln; G. L. Smith, Seventh Iowa infantry, Ulysses; Frank Ferrer, Third New Hampshire; E. Cassel, Twentieth Illinois infantry, Republican City; F. Merryman, One Hundred and Second Illinois infantry, Kearney; J. F. Heine, One Hundred and Ninety-eighth Pennsylvania infantry, Hooper; W. E. Morgan, Eighth Illinois cavalry, Greeley; Alf Brown, Fifty-third Ohio infantry, Palmer; T. H. Rood, Thirty-seventh Wisconsin infantry, North Loup; George F. Ryan, Sixtieth New Jersey, Grand Island; Alex Young, One Hundred and Twenty-second Ohio, Poole; R. W. Fulton, Eighth Pennsylvania, Sargent.

Tropical Storm Caused Much Damage.

Mobile, Ala.—The West Indian hurricane, which Thursday night spent its force against New Orleans, took a toll of at least two score lives and did extensive property damage as smaller cities and resorts along the central gulf coast, according to advices coming in slowly over crippled lines. Most of the loss of life reported was in Freiner and Manshac, La. The railroad agent at the former town telegraphed that eight white persons and seventeen negroes had been drowned and many injured when the wind drove the waters of Lake Pontchartrain into the streets. Low districts of a number of other cities and villages along the coast are flooded.

TEST OF WIRELESS TELEPHONE

Talk by Radio from Ocean to Ocean.

Washington.—Wireless telephone communication across the continent was accomplished for the first time when experiments extending over several months culminated in successful transmissions of the human voice by radio from the great naval plant at Arlington, Va., to the station at Mare Island, Cal., 2,500 miles away.

The experiments were conducted under direction of Captain Bullard, chief of the navy's radio service, in co-operation with the American Telephone and Telegraph company and the Western Electric company. Secretary Daniels, in announcing the result, predicted that further development of wireless telephony would make great changes in long distance communication both for military and naval service and in commercial usage.

Ships With Gold Seized.

Genoa.—The Spanish packet Luis Vives, whose port of registry is Valencia, has been seized by the police, who discovered aboard her 100,000 lire (\$23,000) in gold, which, it is charged, was destined for Germany.

First Rural Deliveries in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb.—Many Nebraskans may not know it, but the first rural free delivery routes established in the United States were installed at the Tumacumch postoffice. The man who supervised the experiment was here last week visiting old friends and making new ones. Emanuel Speich is his name, and although he is a real estate man at Washington at the present time, then he was in the political game up to his collar button. The first appropriation for this work was twenty years ago, and it totaled \$10,000.

FAILURE TO SATISFY

LATEST GERMAN NOTE IS UNSATISFACTORY.

TURKISH CRUELTY EVIDENT

Documentary Evidence of Turkish Atrocities Is Being Produced—Earthquake Shakes Pacific Coast States.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Germany has failed to satisfy the request of the United States that the sinking of the Arabic, with a loss of American lives, be disavowed and liability for the act be assumed by the imperial government. This became known after a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, when the latter submitted a note given him in New York by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

No announcement was made after the White house conference. Secretary Lansing said merely that it was inadvisable to comment on the situation while the negotiations were still confidential. He declined to say what the next step would be, but it was learned later the German ambassador would be asked to come to Washington soon to learn the view which the American government takes of the last German note. Count von Bernstorff is fully authorized by his government to conduct the submarine negotiations.

Coast States Shaken by Quake.

San Francisco.—Sharp earthquake shocks were felt Sunday night at points in Utah, Idaho, Nevada and California. Throughout the northern part of California two distinct tremblers occurred in rapid succession, the period of vibration being from ten to fifteen seconds. No shocks, however, were experienced in San Francisco. Buildings were swayed in Sacramento and their occupants rushed into the streets. In Fresno also the shocks were strong. In Reno, Nev., two slight shocks were felt Sunday afternoon. Victoria, B. C., also reported a slight shock late in the day. So far as known but little damage was caused.

EVIDENCE OF TURKISH CRUELTY

Turkish Atrocities on Armenians Being Brought to Light.

New York.—Documentary evidence of the atrocities inflicted by the Turks upon the Armenians has been made public by the committee formed by Charles R. Crane, Cleveland H. Dodge and others to investigate the acts of the Armenian massacres, and which also is taking steps to aid sufferers. The committee states that the evidence was collected from sources that are unquestioned as to the veracity and authority of the writers, but for obvious reasons their names cannot be given, and in most cases names of towns and cities must be concealed.

Bessey Memorial October 7.

Lincoln, Neb.—The announcement of the memorial exercises for Dean Charles Edwin Bessey, to be held October 7, was made almost coincident with the letting of the contract for the building to be named in his honor. Dean Albert Woods of the Minnesota agricultural college, a former pupil of Dean Bessey; Prof. Grove E. Barber of the university faculty, and Regent E. P. Brown will deliver addresses. This will be the first opportunity given the university to do honor to its foremost teacher, whose death last spring came as a shock to the scientific world.

Peace Jubilee Tablet Unveiled.

Manassas, Va.—A bronze tablet commemorating the peace jubilee held here July 21, 1911, when union and confederate soldiers joined in the celebration, was unveiled here Friday in the presence of several thousand people.

Iowa Clear of The Plague.

Des Moines, Ia.—Iowa has been pronounced entirely clear of the foot and mouth disease and Dr. D. C. Hanawalt, the last of the corps of federal officials sent here to stamp out the plague, left for Chicago to join in fighting the disease in Illinois.

To Put Embargo on Mescal Bean.

Sioux Falls, S. D.—An investigation conducted by United States Attorney Stewart, who has just returned to Sioux Falls, disclosed that many of the Sioux Indians on the Pine Ridge reservation are becoming demoralized through the use of what is known as the mescal bean or button, which sometimes is referred to as "dry whisky." The government, as a result, will do everything possible to stamp out the habit and declare an embargo on the sale to these Indians of the beans.

American Machinists Go to Europe.

New York.—American machinists engaged in all parts of the country are leaving New York each week to work in the munitions plants of the European belligerents, according to information obtained at the offices of the International Association of Machinists here. The competition of Great Britain and Russia in employing American machinists is said to have driven the wages of such mechanics to the highest point yet known. English works, it was stated, are paying from \$25 to \$35 a week to mechanics.

TO PROVIDE FARM DEMONSTRATORS

BANK OFFICERS CONFER WITH UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS

NEWS OF THE STATE HOUSE

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

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Having in view assistance for Nebraska counties which want to obtain county farm demonstrators without having to wait until funds are available from federal and state sources, the president and secretary of the Nebraska Bankers association and Carson Hildreth of Lincoln, chairman of the Nebraska Agricultural Development commission, held a conference at the state farm with Chancellor Avery of the university and Dean E. A. Burnett and Prof. C. W. Pugsley of the agricultural school. The conference was called at the suggestion of Mr. Hildreth, who represents an organization of business men—the agricultural development commission—interested in the promotion of agriculture and the employment of county agents.

Freight Rate Hearing Postponed

By agreement of all parties concerned the state railway commission has indefinitely postponed a hearing set for October 5, at which time the railroads were to have been heard on their application to cancel a 9-cent rate on packing house products from Omaha to Lincoln and a rate somewhat similar from Lincoln to Fremont. The object of the railroads is to increase freight rates on packing house products. If the present rate is cancelled an older rate from three to four cents higher will be enforced. In the recent western freight rate case the railroads were given leave to increase packing house rates. This permission applies to interstate rates.

N. N. G. Aviation Corps

Four licensed aviators are now enrolled in the Nebraska national guard, or half as many as are in the entire aviation corps of the United States regular army. All of the four men, Messrs. Schafer, McMillan, Norman and Stine, are pilots who have been recognized by the national birdmen's association. Captain Schafer has flown in nearly every state of the union and Lieutenant Stine is not far behind him. The latter is a mechanic and sub-pilot at the present time with DeLloyd Thompson, the airman who performed at the state fair recently. Captains McMillan and Norman have also seen service on the planes for some time.

Taxes for State Purposes.

State Auditor Smith has prepared a compilation based on the 1914 assessment figures, showing the total amount of taxes levied in each county of the state and the amount levied for state purposes only. This shows that only about one-sixth of the total is collected by the state for the support of its government and institutions. The remainder is applied to county, municipal, school, precinct or township, road district and special assessment purposes. One-half of all taxes collected goes for education, including support of the state university, normal, city, village and rural schools.

To Advertise Nebraska

In response to invitations from several Central American countries, Frank Harrison, globe trotter, writer and lecturer, of Lincoln, has worked out a plan for a trade and educational excursion to those countries that ought to arouse much local newspaper interest, as well as advertise the resources of Nebraska in the Spanish-American states, Lincoln and Omaha Commercial clubs, the university and the state educational department all endorse the idea, and plan to send a representative with pictures and exhibits. Commercial clubs over the state have been asked to cooperate.

A warrant for \$12,859 in favor of W. F. Crossley, the Kearney contractor,

engaged in constructing the new normal school building at that place, was held up by State Treasurer Hall until correct signatures of the officials of the state normal board could be obtained.

On October 9th the University of Nebraska football team meets the Kansas Aggies, who are this year coached by Johnnie Bender,

former Nebraska player. The score was 24 to 6 against the Cornhuskers. In addition to a crafty coach, the Kansas Aggies will probably present a strong lineup. The Cornhuskers expect to win, but are not overconfident, as the Drake game showed that they had many things to learn.

Record Attendance for University.

The year 1915-1916 will be a record breaker in attendance at the university. Each year there are many students filing applications during the first two weeks of active school work. The figures on attendance so far show a registration of 2,571, or 267 over the same period a year ago. Men who are working in engineering camps and forestry stations return later in the year. These figures do not include the affiliated colleges of the university, such as the medical college in Omaha.

APPLES TURNED INTO CIDER

Hailstorm Ruins 4,000 Barrels of Fruit Near Falls City. Falls City.—A heavy rain, accompanied by lightning and hail injured corn and did considerable damage to the Towle orchard where 4,000 barrels of the best grade of cold storage apples on the trees were turned into cider stock. The leaves were stripped off and the apples punctured. The hail covered a considerable scope of country, but little damage resulted except along the center of the storm.

Waifs Find Homes.

Beatrice.—Fourteen waifs from New York City found homes among the residents of the vicinity of Wymore and Blue Springs, when a party of seventeen of the homeless children were brought to Blue Springs in charge of Miss Alice A. Bogardus of Lincoln, state agent for the Children's Aid society of New York. The little fellows ranged from seven to twelve years of age. Miss Bogardus, who has been in the work for the past twenty-four years, said 400 children have been given homes in Nebraska from New York alone, and that all of them are reported as doing nicely.

Wants Democratic Convention.

Omaha.—Omaha wants the democratic national convention in 1916 and is going after it strong. Party lines are to be buried, and democrats, republicans, bull moosers, prohibitionists, all business men of any party or faction, are to aid in boosting for Omaha. At a meeting of business men at the Jacksonian club, it was decided that an attempt would be made to raise \$150,000 as a present to the democratic national committee to obtain the big meeting for Omaha. E. P. Smith started the ball with a speech in which he declared that the west is entitled to the next democratic convention and that Omaha is the city of the west best suited for the convention.

Sugar Beet Harvest Started

Gering.—The sugar beet harvest has started, orders having been issued to begin pulling and delivering beets to the various dumps. Not all growers have received the first order, cognizance being taken of the condition of the fields. There are more than 30,000 acres of beets planted, and it is now expected the yield will be as good or better than normal.

Fred Shepherd Acting Postmaster.

Lincoln.—The name of Fred Shepherd, an active lawyer here for many years, as acting postmaster to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Acting Postmaster A. E. Tibbets, has been sent to the postoffice authorities by the bonding company furnishing the postmaster's security.

I. O. O. F. at Omaha

Omaha.—For the first time in years, the Grand Encampment of the I. O. O. F. will be held in Omaha this fall. The dates are October 18 to 21 and the Fontenelle Hotel headquarters.

Nebraska Landowner Dies in Italy

Beatrice.—According to word reaching here John A. Bookwalter, who owned thousands of acres of land in Nebraska, died last Sunday in Italy.

FROM ALL OVER NEBRASKA

A two-inch rain at Beatrice flooded the streets and lowlands.

Haigler and Stapleton are now international money order offices.

Work on the new Masonic temple at Anselmo is progressing rapidly.

Kearney has prospects of having a big department store open up there shortly.

The Kansas "Aggies" will meet the Cornhusker football team at Lincoln October 9.

Twenty cases of nasal diptheria have been located in the South Omaha schools.

Emil A. Boostroom, a well known Nebraska educator, is dead at his home at Stromsburg.

Julius Snider, near Johnson, had his shoulder bone broken while wrestling with a companion.

Archie Paska, in his haste to board a train at Fort Calhoun, fell under the wheels and lost an arm.

Over a thousand delegates from over the state attended the "dry" convention at Lincoln last week.

S. K. Spaulding, prominent Omaha physician, died at Washington, D. C., following an attack of apoplexy.

Miss Etta Sutherland of Elmwood, was seriously injured when some rubbish she was burning set fire to her clothing.

The eleven months old daughter of Ben Atwood, near Humboldt, ate strichnine tablets, death resulting in a few hours.

An effort is being made to secure the democratic national convention for Omaha. The Jeffersonian club of that city is backing the move.

G. W. Dorsey, a farmer living near Newport, fell from a load of hay, receiving injuries that resulted in a complete paralysis of his body.

A valuable team of mules owned by August Mommsen near Tecumseh were struck by lightning during a recent storm, and instantly killed.

One of the big features of the South Platte exposition at Hastings will be an agricultural parade.

D. F. Davis, editor of the Silver Creek Sand, is dead of pneumonia, after a brief illness of a week.

A county jail break was frustrated at Lincoln through the vigilance of the sheriff, who had been "tipped off" to the scheme by a prisoner.

The Fairbury Journal thinks it may be of interest to know that the big pot of coffee made at the city park there on Labor day contained 500 gallons of water and 250 pounds of coffee.