

British Adopt French Ruins

London to Restore Verdun, but Cemeteries Prevent Work on Outlying Villages.

NEWCASTLE ASSISTS ARRAS

Manchester Raising \$250,000 to Lift Mezzeres Out of Its Heap of Dust and Ashes—Raise Money for the Rheims Cathedral.

New York.—Despite the burden of their war debts and the heavy taxes in the billions of pounds sterling they poured into Europe to save civilization, the people of Great Britain still are finding means to help the stricken populace in the devastated regions of France.

Under the stimulus of a campaign directed by the central committee of the British League of Help, they are donating millions of dollars to repair, rebuild or restore public utilities, houses, villages and towns in the war-swept zones of France. More than 50 ruined towns and villages have been adopted by English cities and towns. Verdun, that became immortal as one of the bloodiest battlefields of the entire war, has been adopted by the city and county of London. So great was the havoc wrought there by the enemy guns, so great the loss of life, and so numerous and thickly populated the cemeteries of the soldier dead, that many of the outlying villages may never be reclaimed. But Verdun proper, the city that "They Shall Not Pass," is to be restored in its entirety.

Boroughs Take Individual Action.
Aside from this several London boroughs are taking individual action. According to reports received by the foreign information department of the Bankers' Trust company, Kensington has adopted Souches, Wadsworth has undertaken to look after the needs of Villers-Plouch, and other boroughs are forming committees to raise funds to take care of other villages.

Manchester is raising \$50,000 to help to resurrect the dust heap that once was Mezzeres; and of this amount \$11,000 already has been subscribed. Newcastle has undertaken to provide \$20,000 for Arras, and has paid its second installment of the gift. On February 5, when the mayor of Arras visited Newcastle a check for 250,000 francs was handed to him.

And Oxford, Sheffield, Exeter, Evesham, Eastbourne, Cirenchester and Birmingham have given and are giving to their capacity.

Oxford proposes to restore the water supply and to rebuild the school at Fyvet. For this object, nearly £700 already has been collected.

Sheffield has adopted three towns and villages—Bapaume, Puisieux and Serre, all made famous in the battle of the Somme and in the great German drive in 1918. The fund in the hands of the lord mayor of Sheffield now stands at £5,000. Of this a first installment of 50,000 francs has been sent to Bapaume toward the establishment of a day nursery; and, at the special request of its mayor, a motor tractor has been forwarded to Puisieux.

Evesham Orders Cider Fruit Trees.
Exeter is undertaking to restore the water supply at Montdidier, where the American troops first went into the battle line, and has forwarded £2,000 to the mayor of that city. Evesham is raising £1,000 for Hebuterne, and has ordered 300 cedar fruit trees from Holland. Eastbourne has sent to Bray-sur-Somme a gift of 5,000 francs, besides supplying that ruined village with goods and foodstuffs to the value of £500. Cirenchester has equipped and is supporting a food kitchen for the

school children of Passel and Ville, to which agricultural implements, sewing machines and clothing have been sent. Birmingham has adopted Albert. As a first step, clothing, boots and blankets to the value of £500 have been sent, and more is to follow.

Apart from the organized assistance of the British League of Help, the British are raising a special fund for the restoration of the Rheims cathedral, and the Royal Agricultural society has organized a fund to supply cattle to the raided farms of French agriculturists. To this fund £70,000 already has been subscribed.

Drank 54,150 Glasses of Root Beer in One Year

Because he scheduled \$541.50 in war tax on root beer during 1920, a Lithuanian coal miner of Springfield, Ill., was asked by John Pickering, collector of internal revenue, to look over his income tax again. After deducting his union dues, donations to churches and charities and war tax on theater tickets this man still had \$1,541.50 for which to account. His root beer thirst cut his income to \$1,000, he said.

To satisfy his cravings, according to his figures, the miner had to drink 148 glasses of root beer a day, or 54,150 glasses in a year.

NEWS OF STATE TERSELY TOLD

Recent Happenings in Nebraska Given in Brief Items For Busy Readers.

An Auxiliary to the American Legion has been organized at Ansley.

An American Legion baseball team has been organized at Crawford.

A company has been formed and will shortly begin drilling for oil at Stamford.

Fairmont is making preparations to celebrate Independence day on an elaborate scale.

Mrs. Ida Lyons, of Madison dropped dead while handing a drink of water to her little son.

Paving contracts amounting to over \$400,000 will be completed this summer at Fullerton.

A chapter of the Eastern Star has been organized at Chester with a charter membership of fifteen.

The state college of agriculture is planning a short course for junior farmers May 30 to June 4.

The high school building at Superior was destroyed by fire last week, entailing a loss amounting \$200,000.

The Loup Valley Editorial Association will hold its next session at Grand Island, Saturday, April 30.

Truck lines handling freight and express have been established between Wahoo, Omaha, Lincoln and Fremont.

The Ansley mills which suspended operations last fall, are putting in new machinery and will soon resume work.

Bishop Stunz of Omaha will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the State University commencement exercises June 5.

J. J. Conoughy, for thirty-five years U. P. station agent at Hastings, is dead, after an illness of a couple of weeks.

Ansley's new amusement park, when completed, will be one of the finest in the state. Over 1,500 trees are being planted and a grand stand being built.

A. N. Aylor of Table Rock, while hunting near that place, captured nine baby coyotes in their nest in an old straw stack. The mother wolf escaped.

N. W. Gaines of the agricultural department of the state university will speak to farmers of the Burwell vicinity May 6. He will discuss agriculture and dairying.

Mrs. George L. Sheldon, wife of former Governor Sheldon, is a candidate for postmistress of Jackson, Miss., where the family has resided since moving from Nehawka.

The largest class in the history of Columbus High school will be graduated at the commencement exercises to be held June 3, when 51 young people will receive their diplomas.

Nicholas Ress, former sheriff of Lancaster county, and well known in political and lodge circles, was instantly killed at Lincoln, when he was struck by a Rock Island train.

Ray Dixon of Stronburg died in a hospital at York last week from injuries received when he was attacked by a vicious bull three weeks ago. His skull was fractured by the animal.

Three members of the N. C. Martin family at Harrison became poisoned following the eating of spoiled cheese. After several hours' work by the doctors they were finally brought out of danger.

Within two hours after Paul Slagle confessed to complicity in the W. C. Mason drug store robbery at Lincoln he was sentenced to three to fifteen years in the state penitentiary in district court.

A blackhand letter threatening him with the loss of his wife unless he "places \$10,000 in a tin can and has it in the alley back of his place by Monday night," was received through the mails by G. A. Smith, real estate man of Lincoln.

Mrs. John Thomas, of Indianola, was granted a license to preach at the Holdrege district conference of the Nebraska Methodist church, in its session at McCook. She is the first woman in Nebraska to have received this privilege from the Methodist church.

"Uncle" Peter Starr, of Dunning, the oldest man in Nebraska, celebrated his 103rd birthday last week. At this advanced age "Uncle" Peter says he has just begun to live and hopes to have a number of other anniversary celebrations placed to his credit on the scrolls of time.

J. Frank Barr, active in mercantile business in Lincoln and throughout the state for many years, died at his home in Lincoln last week.

Vandals, operating at night, destroyed a \$700 buy bader belonging to Jesse Wilson of Alliance, which has been left standing in a field.

Twenty girls and 47 boys were graduated from the University of Nebraska School of Agriculture in Lincoln last week. The homes of the members of the class are scattered over the entire state, coming from probably more than one-fourth of the counties.

Trustees of Brownell Hall, which for years conducted an exclusive Episcopal boarding school for girls at Omaha, have purchased for \$100,000 eleven acres of the Happy Hollow Club grounds at that place, on which they plan to erect a large girls' school.

Daniel Bartlett Sargent, 83, civil war veteran and one of the earliest settlers in Omaha, died at his home in that place last Sunday. Mr. Sargent was the last surviving member of the crew of the Union frigate, *Kearsarge*, which sunk the rebel blockade runner *Alabama* in a battle off the coast of France the morning of June 19, 1864.

General John Pershing will deliver the commencement day address at the state university, June 6.

The lower house has killed a senate bill providing for a \$300 blanket increase in salaries for Nebraska sheriffs.

Alton Tennant, of Crab Orchard, was seriously burned when he attempted to hasten a rather backward fire with kerosene.

The Union Evangelical church of Seward is holding a two weeks' special series of meetings in charge of Dr. John Garretson.

W. F. Parker of Woodlake has been appointed receiver of the Brown county state bank at Long Pine, which closed its doors recently.

Hogs are 6 cents per pound on the Calloway market and wheat is 90 cents which is the lowest price on these things in five years.

Collections made by the European relief committee in Platte county for the aid of the suffering children in central Europe, totalled \$2,750.03.

The state-wide campaign against graduation extravagance being conducted by the state agricultural college, is winning popular favor all over the state.

Earl Landreth, residing near Broken Bow, is suffering from four broken ribs and several bad bruises, the result of an entanglement with a runaway team.

Senator Hitchcock has nominated Robert W. Fling, Lincoln, as principal at the Annapolis naval academy, and Raymond Buffam of University Place as first alternate.

The Rev. E. S. Flora, pastor of the United Brethren church at Beaver City, has been re-elected for the coming year at a salary of \$1,700 a year, with free use of the parsonage.

The teaching force of the Hebron public schools was re-elected for next year's work, at a recent meeting of the board of education, and all the grade teachers have accepted.

Members and friends of the Christian church at Bayard began work at 7 o'clock on a temporary headquarters for that organization and at dark had it ready for occupancy.

A. B. Allen of Tecumseh, has been recommended by the Nebraska delegation in congress to President Harding for appointment as collector of internal revenue at Omaha.

Fines and costs approximating \$500 have recently been assessed to violators of the state fish and game laws, according to George Koster, chief of the state bureau of fish and game.

Twenty-eight elm trees, to stand as memorials to the twenty-eight Adams county men who lost their lives in the world war, will be planted in Highland cemetery at Hastings.

Dr. I. W. Dillon, chief of the state bureau of health, says three cases of sleeping sickness were reported in Nebraska in February and one in March.

Representatives of five of the co-operative farmers' elevators of Platte county endorsed the plan of marketing proposed by the "committee of seventeen," in a meeting at Platte Center.

A barn on the farm of Festus Rosenbaum, near Blair, was burned, together with a horse that would not leave the barn. Mr. Rosenbaum was badly burned while trying to lead horses out.

A hydro-electric light and power company has been formed in Hebron, and the city is considering a contract for this company to supply the city with electricity. Power will be generated by the Blue river.

The Geneva Cemetery Association is working on a plan for making a "bird sanctuary" of the cemetery grounds by protecting and fostering the bird life which abounds within the 58 acres of wooded and meadow land.

The agreement between the government and the stock yards and the various packing centers, whereby the packers are to let go their holdings of stock in the yard companies, will not, it is believed, affect the management of the South Omaha yards.

The Oshkosh State bank has closed its doors and called upon the state banking department for an adjuster. The officers say that the bank is solvent and is only closed temporarily because of depletion of its legal reserve.

The Nebraska senate passed a house joint resolution naming John G. Neihardt of Bancroft poet laureate of Nebraska. Some of Mr. Neihardt's best known poetical works are "The Song of Hugh Glass" and "The Song of the Three Friends."

John Margaret, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tapster of North Bend, weighed only twenty-five ounces when she came into this world August 13, 1920. She now tips the scales at seven and a half pounds, the average weight of a baby at birth.

The 102nd anniversary of the establishment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will be celebrated in Omaha April 30.

Thomas Reilly, about 50, is in a critical condition in an Omaha hospital as a result of having swallowed a quantity of denatured alcohol.

E. M. Pollard, who owns one of the largest apple orchards in the state at Nehawka, says that apples that mature late were not damaged to any great extent by the recent freeze, and from present indications the crop will be larger this season than last, when it was about one-fourth normal.

An inspection trip to the different posts of Nebraska will shortly be made by State Commander Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff, State Adjutant Frank B. O'Connell of Lincoln and a field representative of the national department of the American Legion.

One of the largest loads of cattle for total weight that has been received in the South Omaha market in a good many years came from Sydney and were shipped by R. Krueger. There were 21 head of steers that averaged 605 pounds and sold for \$7.50; nine cows that averaged 1,007 pounds and brought \$8.25, and three head at \$5.50.

CHANGE PARDON LAW

BILL DEFINING DUTIES OF NEW BOARD OF PARDONS RECEIVES GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE

SIGNS THIRTY OTHER BILLS

Registration Bill Becomes Law and All Voters in State Now Required to Register Same as in Larger Cities

Lincoln.—Governor McKelvie has just signed S. F. 282, a bill defining the duties of the new state board of pardons and amending the indeterminate sentence law to permit the judge to fix any term of imprisonment between the minimum and maximum prescribed by statute.

He has also signed S. F. 305, the universal registration bill, requiring the resignation of all voters in rural districts.

These thirteen house bills have been signed in addition.

H. R. 589—New cattle testing law.
H. R. 197—Requires old corners be taken as basis for acreage.
H. R. 465—Raises liability rate on insurance.

H. R. 236—Flat \$2 filing fees for non-profit corporations.
H. R. 237—Procedure for dissolution of corporations in arrears on corporation tax for three years.

H. R. 301—Requires liability insurance agents to report on physical condition of buildings to state department of labor.
H. R. 303—Favors' seed testing bill.
H. R. 465—Permits reappraisal of leased school land at discretion of board of educational lands and funds.

H. R. 490—Requires advertising for bids on state aid bridges.
H. R. 525—Apportionment of funds to school districts in which school land is located of same equivalent to taxes on this land out of general semi-annual apportionment.

H. R. 571—Commission to design a state banner.
H. R. 467—Making John G. Neihardt poet laureate of Nebraska.

S. F. 19—Removes jurisdiction matters from the jurisdiction of the Nebraska railway commission.
S. F. 34—Allows chief clerk for Douglas county attorney.
S. F. 41—Institution care for dependent mothers.

S. F. 99—Right of appeal from order of attachment.
S. F. 106—Assistant for Omaha public defender.
S. F. 113—Election of state superintendent for four-year term, beginning in 1922; conforms to new constitution.

S. F. 151—Regulates probate of wills.
S. F. 163—Increases penalty for perjury.
S. F. 176—Requires county boards to elect chairman annually in January. Senior members are now chairmen.
S. F. 198—Removes name "insane" from three state hospitals.

S. F. 326—Authorizes secretary of state instead of department of finance to publish session laws.
S. F. 350—Permits city of Seward to issue \$20,000 in refunding bonds at higher rate of interest than original issue.

S. F. 105—Authorizes incorporation of professional societies.
S. F. 204—Permits Douglas county commissioners to reimburse those who lost property in courthouse riot.

S. F. 149—Removes county boards to provide rooms for state commission, commissioner's hearings and for county agents.
S. F. 190—Permits the arts society to incorporate in order to acquire Omaha property for condemnation for a school of fine arts for which Mrs. George Joslyn has donated funds.

Big Saving on State Supplies
Through the decrease in the price of commodities used by the various institutions under the state board of control, Nebraska has saved thousands of dollars during the past three months, according to E. B. Fairfield, secretary of the board.

The average saving to the state on 22 articles show that these goods are approximately 31 per cent cheaper on April 1 than at the end of the first quarter in 1920.

While the cost of many food and clothing articles has shown a decrease, it is pointed out by Secretary Fairfield that the cost of many articles used by the institutions are just as high now as they were a year ago.

Flag Presented to Speaker
Speaker Walter L. Anderson of the Nebraska house was presented by unanimous vote of his colleagues, with the large flag which hangs behind his chair in the front of the house chamber. This action was taken in recognition of the speaker's courtesy and fairness in presiding over the house.

Mr. Anderson accepted the gift with an expression of thanks and assured his fellow members that they were "the finest bunch of men who ever sat in this building or in any legislative hall in the world."

To Build New Fish Pond
In violation of the state constitution the senate passed a bill authorizing the taking of \$2,000 of fish and game license fees for expenditure by the department of agriculture upon a fish pond to be located on the Missouri river near Peru. This bill does what the recent constitutional convention refused to do, namely: change the constitution so that fish and game license fees should not go into the state school fund, but should be given over to the use of the fish and game bureau.

No Opposition to Reformatory
The board of control can put the new state reformatory for first offenders anywhere it pleases provided, however, that it be on Nebraska soil. The board may also select as few or as many acres as it desires. It is limited, however, to the expenditure of \$300,000 for grounds and buildings.

Land Bill Ready for Signing
The state senate's alien land bill, passed as a substitute for the Davis house bill to prohibit Japanese and other orientals from acquiring further ownership of real estate in Nebraska, has now been approved by both branches in the form agreed upon in conference. As it will go to the governor, it applies to aliens of all nationalities who are not specially privileged under treaties. It also is designed to prevent aliens from exercising rights of ownership through corporations controlled by them.

Confiscating Big Store of Liquors



An alleged delivery of liquor by one of their drivers without a transportation permit resulted in a raid on the warehouse of the Singer Brothers in New York. The federal agents are shown listing some of the confiscated goods.

URGE NATION TO SAVE FORESTS

Joint Action of State and Federal Governments Necessary to Stop Destruction.

FOREST FIRES ONE PROBLEM

Largest and Most Important Field for Co-operation is Fire Prevention—Coat of Protection Should be Shared by Private Owner.

Washington.—Need for public action to save the remaining forests of the United States from devastation, and to provide for timber production on lands already laid waste, was strongly urged by Col. W. B. Greeley, chief of the forest service, United States Department of Agriculture, at the hearings before the house agricultural committee on the Snell bill.

The bill authorizes and directs the secretary of agriculture, in co-operation with the various states or other suitable agencies, to recommend the requirements essential for protecting timbered and cut-over land from fire, refreshing denuded lands, and cutting and removing timber crops so that continuous production of timber will be promoted. To bring into effect these requirements, and with a view to furnishing a continuous supply of timber for the use and necessities of the public, co-operation between the federal government and the states is

authorized, on such conditions as the secretary of agriculture may determine to be fair and reasonable.

Expenses Borne Jointly.
Federal expenditures under co-operative agreements with states would, under the bill, have to be at least equalled by state expenditures derived either from general taxation or from owners of forest lands under state requirements. The bill also provides for a survey of the forest resources and requirements of the country, for experiments and investigations in reforestation and methods of cutting and utilizing timber, for enlarged purchases of lands for federal administration as national forests, and for various other features of a national program of forestry.

In urging the necessity for action, Colonel Greeley pointed out that the essential problem of providing for future needs is a national one.

"New York," the colonel said, "imports nine-tenths of the lumber which she requires. Pennsylvania imports four-fifths, while a large group of middle western states import 97 per cent of their wood. The bulk of our paper comes from half a dozen states. The growing of timber on enormous areas of land adapted by nature to that purpose and scattered throughout 39 states is just as much a national necessity and just as much a matter for national action as the encouragement of agriculture or the maintenance of interstate transportation.

"The growing of timber cannot be left to private initiative alone. Under the bill the federal government will assume the technical leadership of the reforestation movement throughout the country. While in the prairie states co-operation would have to deal chiefly with tree planting, in other states it should cover technical methods of fire prevention, of disposal of debris left in logging, of cutting various types of timber so as to secure a new crop of the kind desired, and the like.

"The largest and most important field of co-operation, however, in all states containing extensive forest areas is in the prevention of forest fires. This is the first step to a continuous supply of timber. Once the vast area of cut-over land suitable for timber production is really protected from forest fires, three-quarters of our forest problem is solved.

"The cost of forest protection should be shared by the public and the private owner. But fire prevention is not an end in itself. The reforestation of timber-growing land and the actual production of timber is the real objective. In no instances should federal funds be expended unless the state carries out the requirements found necessary by the federal forest service to make timber grow."

Buy Sheepskin Coats.

Washington.—The United States public health service has just bought 2,500 sheepskin coats for the tuberculous patients in its hospitals, so that they may be able to sit out in the air and the sun this winter. It's the fresh air that counts.

Our New Postmaster on the Job



Postmaster General Hays is making inspection visits to the big cities and outlining his policy of "a square deal" to postal employees. The photograph shows him in the distributing department of the New York postoffice. Mr. Hays, as chairman of the National Republican committee, made a reputation as a manager and harmonizer.