

NEWSNOTES CONDENSED

A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

Washington.

Two men are dead and one injured seriously as the result of an explosion in the high explosive building of the Washington navy yard.

The First National bank of Sioux City filed an application with the postmaster general requesting that they be designated as a depository for postal savings bank funds.

When the time comes to recognize the new Portuguese republic, expressly or impliedly, or to refuse to recognize it, there are ample precedents to govern America's course.

Seventeen suits, instituted by the United States and charging that many thousand conveyances of Indian lands of the five civilized tribes allotted in severalty to them had been made in vain of express restrictions against alienation, were filed in the supreme court of the United States for review.

Special Examiner Matthews of the Interstate Commerce commission will arrive in Omaha, October 13 and hold a hearing and take testimony in the following cases now pending before the commission:

McShane Lumber Company vs. Houston, El Paso & Western Texas Railway Company; Sunderland Brothers vs. Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern; C. Koehler Company, et al., vs. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway company; C. B. Havens Company vs. Chicago & Northwestern; Fremont Commercial Club vs. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.

Foreign.

Russia is far behind other civilized countries of the world in the matter of decreasing the number of death sentences, according to statistics given to the international prison congress at its session by Dr. Frederick H. Wipes of Philadelphia.

There is a possibility that Great Britain will use its good offices to secure respect for the persons of King Manuel and the queen mother, Amelia of Portugal, from the revolutionists, who are reported to be in control of Lisbon.

Professor Bombarda, the anti-clerical, who was shot by an army lieutenant at Lisbon, Portugal, died. News of the death soon circulated and a crowd of anti-clericals assembled near the professor's home and shouted: "Down with the priests. At Oporto the intelligence caused a violent collision between the factions.

Japanese and Chinese newspapers received at Victoria, B. C., contained accounts of unrest in Hunan. The Slangtan correspondent of the north China Herald telegraphed news of an anti-foreign outbreak following the spreading of stories that missionaries had killed some children. The mission compounds were wrecked and looted but the missionaries managed to escape.

General.

Monks are being expelled from Portugal by the new authorities.

Roosevelt is making a tour of the South, drawing large crowds everywhere.

Hundreds of settlers were burned to death in the forest fires near Rainey River, Ont.

A call for aid for the fire sufferers has been made by the Minnesota Red Cross society.

A republic has been proclaimed at Lisbon, Portugal, and a provisional government established.

Frederico B. Boyd has been named by the new Panama government as secretary for foreign affairs.

Diplomatic relations between Venezuela and Colombia which were recently severed because of a boundary dispute have been restored.

Fourteen persons were injured, many of them seriously, when Chicago & Alton train No. 30, from St. Louis to Jacksonville, Ill., jumped the track two miles south of Jerseyville. Split rails are supposed to have caused the wreck.

The independence league of New York declined to endorse the nominees of the republicans.

Four hundred children escaped in their night clothes from a fire which destroyed the Mount St. Joseph orphan asylum at San Francisco.

Former Congressman Thomas Updegraff from the Fourth Iowa district, died at his home in McGreggor, Ia.

The grand jury at Louisville, Ky., has returned thirteen indictments against Aug. Ropke, former book-keeper for the Fidelity Trust Company, who is accused of embezzling \$1,140,000.

Our government will wait awhile before recognizing the new rulers in Portugal.

Fire destroyed Pier "C" of the Southern Pacific terminal company in the western portion of Galveston. Loss, estimated at \$120,000.

The president withdrew 4,100 acres of land from the public domain in Montana.

Fire totally destroyed the Adeline Sugar company's plant at Franklin, Pa. Loss, \$200,000.

The Standard Oil company announces a reduction of fifty points in refined petroleum.

Governor Albert W. Gilchrist of Florida has announced that he will not be a candidate for United States senator.

Thomas J. O'Brien, the American ambassador to Japan, will sail for the United States October 18 on a sixty days' leave of absence.

Walter Brookings, the hero of the Chicago-to-Springfield will attempt a flight continuously from Springfield to St. Louis, a distance of eighty-five miles.

It is officially stated that the British war office is considering the possibility of securing a regular supply of horses for the mounted troops in Jamaica.

The will of Horace B. Silliman of Cohoes, N. Y., a former textile manufacturer, bequeathes an estate of more than \$400,000 to philanthropic purposes.

T. P. Nielson of Seattle, was elected grand president of the Danish Brotherhood, defeating H. H. Vogt of Davonport, Ia., who has been president twelve years.

Joe and Ed Chandler, negro highwaymen, were killed and Ed Black, a third member of the gang, was mortally wounded in Huntsville, Ala., by Sheriff Mitchell and a squad of deputies.

By an order issued by the postoffice department land grant railroads hereafter will receive only \$15.39 for each 2,000 pounds of mail carried in excess of 48,000 pounds. The old rate was \$17.10.

Social Washington was deeply interested in the recent cabinet meetings at the White House, at least in that part of them which had to do with the filling of the vacancies on the supreme court bench.

Adolph Rothbarth, the hop merchant, who pleaded guilty to having defrauded various banks in New York out of \$300,000, was sentenced to serve not less than three and not more than seven years in Sing Sing prison.

There was a substantial increase, amounting to about 10 per cent, in the number of wooden cross-ties purchased for consumption by the steam and electric railroads in the United States in the calendar year 1909, as compared with the number purchased in 1908.

Sir William Reloar, the English philanthropist and former lord mayor of London, who has been in the United States and Canada a month, sailed on Sunday on the Celtic of the White Star line, after pronouncing the American women the "smartest dressed women in the world."

The Standard Oil company through its official publicity representative, J. I. C. Clarke, has announced that the company has inaugurated a campaign to increase the world's consumption of refined oil, and is lowering prices of kerosene in Europe and the far east. This action follows that of August last, when the Standard Oil company reduced refined oil in barrels 1 cent a gallon from 9 1/2 to 8 1/2 cents at the refinery, and refined oil in tanks from 6 1/2 to 5 1/2 cents a gallon. In part the statement reads: "The Standard Oil company has inaugurated a campaign to increase the world's consumption of refined oil. The level of prices for refined oil today in the United States is lower than at any time during recent years, and as a direct result of these prices the consumption of refined oil in this country is increasing. The same policy is now being actively pursued abroad."

The world's record for the long distance throwing of a baseball, that had stood for thirty-six years, was broken at the field day meet between the Cincinnati and Pittsburg National league teams when Sheldon Lejeune of the Evansville club of the Central league threw the ball 426 feet 6 1/4 inches, 25 feet 11 1/4 inches over the record.

An alleged scheme for the assassination of President Taft was unfolded to Miss Della C. Torrey, aunt of the president, by a stranger who called at her home in Millsbury, Mass. The man, who refused to give her his name, claimed to have overheard the plotters while in Boston. As he departed he threatened to return and kill Miss Torrey if the matter got into the newspapers.

Personal.

Hoke Smith has been elected to serve a second term as governor of Georgia.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has made a number of promotions in his department.

Rufus Blodgett, former United States senator, died at his home at Long Branch, N. J. He was taken sick about six months ago.

Republicans and democrats are to hold their state nominating conventions at Boston.

Henry L. Stimson was notified of his nomination for governor of New York, and accepted the place.

"If my health continues to improve I expect to be a candidate for the United States senate in 1912, otherwise not," said Senator Tillman.

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FARMERS CONGRESS

DELEGATES GO ON RECORD AS TO THEIR DESIRES.

REQUESTS LEGISLATIVE LAWS

Strong Stand and Declaration for Regulation and Control of Public Service Corporations.

In the Farmers' National congress, held in this city, the following resolutions were adopted, with little opposition, except in the case of the one favoring the continuation of the policy of restricting undesirable immigration. Mr. Coles of Ohio made a vigorous protest to the passage of this resolution, saying that no immigrant should be kept out of this country unless he had been proved to have committed some crime in his native land. The seven resolutions adopted follow:

Resolved, That in view of federal legislation next winter we reaffirm our previous immigration resolutions and direct our officials, and particularly our legislative agent, to further their object and purpose in every way.

Resolved, By the Farmers' National congress in thirtieth annual convention that we urge upon the congress of the United States of America the enactment of legislation along the lines of the Dooliver bill, now in the senate calendar, and the more liberal treatment of agriculture.

Resolved, That the Farmers' National congress favors the most careful conservation of the forest and mineral resources yet remaining as a part of the federal domain in such a way that they become and remain valuable to their fullest extent as general public utilities.

Resolved, That the Farmers' National congress favors the adoption of an amendment to the constitution of the United States which will in effect prohibit the introduction from one state into another any article whose manufacture or sale may be prohibited in the state wherein the article may be sought to be carried.

Resolved, That in view of recent judicial developments, which may affect the regulation and control of public service corporations, such as railroads and express companies, whether by federal or state control and legislation, this congress reaffirms and re-emphasizes its former stand and declaration for an effective and strong control of all such public service corporations, including, in particular, the railroad and express companies of the country; such control and regulation to be under federal authority as regards interstate business and to be under state authority as regards state business.

Resolved, That we demand the enactment at the earliest opportunity of federal laws which shall provide for a complete and scientific valuation of all railroad property of interstate railroads, and also suitable laws which will regulate, control and restrict, as the case may be, the further issue of all stocks and bonds by such interstate railroads.

Resolved, That we reaffirm our position of opposition to a burdensome tax upon oleomargarine so made that the consumer can readily distinguish it from butter. And in favor of such legislation as will make the line of demarcation between the two products so clear that it will be impossible fraudulently to sell oleomargarine as butter.

Suit for \$25,000 Damages. Emma Myers as the next best friend of her son, Robert Carl Myers, brought suit in his behalf in the district court to recover \$25,000 damages for alleged injuries sustained by her son September 24, 1909, against E. C. Smith, former owner of the Brownell block, and O. S. Ward, agent. It is alleged that through the negligence of the defendants the boy, who is 17 years of age, fell through a hole in a platform at the rear door of the block, resulting in injuries to his right knee and right leg, which has caused him to be deformed for life.

Favors Compulsory Law. Frank H. Wood, at the head of the Independent telephone interest in Nebraska, stated that he believed public demand for universal connection of telephones was so great that he believed the demand should be met and that consequently he was in favor of a law prescribing such connection and the manner in which it shall be made.

Decision Reversed. When the Eagles held their convention in Omaha a year ago the Union Pacific applied to the state railway commission for permission to allow representatives of city baggage companies to go out on their trains and come back in order to check up baggage and facilitate the handling of it at the city station. The commission looked up the law and decided that there was no provision allowing such men to be carried free. An opinion from the office of the attorney general reverses this decision.

No Change at Present. When State Auditor Barton decided that new insurance companies might use 15 per cent. of their capital stock for promotion, some thought he was too hard upon promoters. The recent national meeting of insurance commissioners decided that 5 per cent. was enough for promotion or for the sale of stock.

County Option Banquet. The County Leagues of Nebraska will hold a county option conference and banquet at the Lindell hotel Friday evening, October 14.

New Bank Organized. The Stockman's and Farmers' bank of Harrison has received a charter from the state banking board. The bank has a capital stock of \$25,000. The officers are: Albert L. Schnurr, president; Wilber F. Shepherd, vice president; Edward F. Pinthus, cashier.

STATE FAIR EXPENSE.

Some Suggestions for Reduction Considered.

The state fair managers, says the Lincoln Journal, have commenced to plan for another state fair to be held September 4 to 8 next year. The Nebraska state fair and the Minnesota state fair come the same week each year. Nebraska has had the first week in September for twenty years and is well satisfied with the date. Secretary Mellor does not believe the laws of nature manufacture a certain kind of weather each week in the year, but experience has shown that the first week in September brings settled weather.

Mr. Mellor says a movement is to be started to settle the difference between two fairs in Kansas and create a chain of fair dates that will satisfy patrons of western and southern fairs. The plan is to hold the state fair at Des Moines, Ia., the same as in the past, on the last Monday in August, the Nebraska state fair the first Monday in September, as at present, the Topeka fair the second Monday in September, the Hutchinson fair the third Monday in September, the Oklahoma City fair the fourth Monday in September, the Missouri state fair the first Monday in October, the Kansas City live stock show the second Monday in October and the Dallas, Tex., state fair the third Monday in October.

The fact that the last state fair in Nebraska took in \$81,000 in receipts and spent \$71,000, including improvements has caused some of the fair officers to propose retrenchment in expenditures. Some have suggested a reduction of officers' salaries. Secretary Mellor, who receives \$2,500 a year, is one who has made the suggestion. He has already received two offers this fall to take charge of fairs in other states at a great increase in salary. President Hendershot is one who opposes an attempt to reduce expenses. He and others believe the expenses are low enough, considering the services performed and that it is difficult to get along with less employees. President Hendershot is in favor of bending every energy to an increase of the receipts, rather than a decrease in expenditure. He thinks a curtailment of expenses might indicate a backward step. He believes in moving forward. He suggests that when the fair is equipped with a good grand stand the receipts will increase. The Minnesota fair received \$60,000 alone from grand stand receipts.

One source of constant expense that is regretted is the repairs on the old buildings on the fair grounds. This costs nearly \$7,000 every year. Secretary Mellor says the grand stand receipts in Nebraska are increasing and that they now pay all expenses of the racing program and track entertainments, not counting the many admission fees added to the outside gate receipts by reason of the fact that there is a race course and grand stand within the outer gates.

"One reason the expenses were larger this year," said Secretary Mellor, "is the fact that we had a big fair. I mean a full line of exhibits in every department. Nearly every premium in every department was competed for, so we had no premium money left on our hands because of a lack of contests."

Motion Overruled. The supreme court has overruled a motion to quash the information for removal of Chief of Police Donahue of Omaha and a referee will probably be appointed to take testimony.

German in Public Schools. Die Deutscher Familien Verein, a very strong German Lincoln society, has passed resolutions which will be taken up with the local board of education, asking that German be taught in the public schools. Some of the schools have a German attendance of nearly 90 per cent.

Bert Taylor Must Hang. Bert M. Taylor, the Minden murderer, must hang at the state penitentiary on the afternoon of October 28, unless Governor Shallenberger interposes clemency. The supreme court overruled his motion for a rehearing. Nothing except executive clemency can save the prisoner from the gallows. It is said Governor Shallenberger will refuse to interfere with the death sentence unless some good cause can be shown.

Two Years Incarceration. James Porter was sentenced to two years in the federal penitentiary by Federal Judge T. C. Munger, after being convicted of stealing stamps from the postoffice at College View.

Bodies Still in the Mine. Starkville, Col.—The situation in the Colorado Fuel and Iron company's mine here to date may be summarized as follows: Bodies buried and in the morgue, 14; bodies located in mine, 8; bodies missing, 33.

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CITY MAY GO HUNGRY

PARIS THREATENED WITH FOOD FAMINE BY STRIKE.

RAILROAD IS BADLY TIED UP

Prospect of Other Lines of Industry Coming to a Standstill and the Situation in Country Admitted to be Grave.

Paris.—The strike of the railroad men, which threatens to spread over entire France is denounced by Premier Briand as an "insurrection purely, built upon criminal foundations." The premier declared that the strike was called while negotiations were going on through himself and the minister of public works for an adjustment of grievances, and promised that the instigators of the strike would be criminally prosecuted.

The river Seine, which in January threatened to destroy Paris, now looms up in the role of savior. The government has now made arrangements to rush food supplies to Paris from the sea, requisitioning all boats to meet the crisis and ease the food market, which is already hard hit. The employees of the Paris & Eastern and Lyons & Mediterranean railroads have not yet to any appreciable extent responded to the leaders' call to strike and the government's weapon of mobilization has induced some of those employed on the Northern road to return to their posts. Nevertheless the Northern and Western railroads are prostrated.

The call to the colors has been ignored by the large majority, and at a mass meeting the strikers reiterated their determination to respond to the call. Much destruction has been wrought on the western system, where the strikers and their supporters have held up and derailed trains, blockaded tracks, ripped up rails, and cut telephone and telegraph wires. The government has ordered the arrest of a score of strike leaders, and instructions have been issued to the troops to use severe measures whenever occasion requires.

Spain Looks for Trouble. Madrid.—The government expects that its elaborate military precaution will check the possible rioting in Catalonia on the anniversary of the death of Francisco Ferrer. It is prepared, however, for an emergency. The international congress of free-thinkers opens in Barcelona, and the proposed demonstrations in honor of Ferrer have attracted many anarchists who are being closely shadowed by the police.

High Price for Relic Coins. New York.—One thousand six hundred and thirty dollars was the price paid for sixty-three one-cent pieces. The coins were of the issue of 1794 and were a part of the Gilbert collection. The prices for the choicest coins ranged from \$50 to \$101.

Madrid Going to Mexico. Salina Cruise, Mex.—Dr. Jose Madrid, who was recently defeated by Estrada in the Nicaraguan revolution, has arrived here from Amapala, Honduras. He was accompanied by his wife and will go to Mexico City, where he will practice law.

War on the Moving Picture. Washington.—International effort to prohibit the production of pernicious pictures is urged by the international humane conference, in session here, by speakers who declared certain pictures were working havoc among the young.

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