NEWS OF THE WEEK

CONDENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

National, Political, Personal and Other Matters in Brief Form for All Classes of Readers.

Washington.

The commission appointed by President Taft to inquire into the character of legislation for the control of stock and bond issues by railroads will have no report to make for some

The total estimates for the United States navy for the fiscal year 1911-12 to be submitted to congress as a basis for the appropriation for that year, amounts to \$126,046,659.24, which is \$5,000,000 less than appropriated for the current fiscal year.

Animals imported for breeding purposes after January 1, 1911, must be accompanied by certificates of the bureau of animal industry that the animals are pure bred of a recognized breed and duly registered in the foreign book of record for that established breed.

After a conference lasting throughout the day between Secretary Mac-Veagh, Collector Loeb of New York, Attorney General Wickersham and other officials of the New York customs, no decision was reached as to the action of the government with reference to the customs frauds in woolens and linings at New York.

Representative James A. Tawney of Minnesota, chairman of the appropriations committee, believes it will be necessary to hold an extra session of congress. "It is doubtful whether even the regular appropriation bill can be passed at this session," said Mr. Tawney. He said it will take at least forty-five days to pass the regular appropriation bills.

Railroad bonds lead the list of securities held by the banks of the United States according to figures prepared and made public by Lawrence O. Murray, comptroller of the currency. The total holdings of bonds, stocks and other securities by banks in the United States are \$4,-723,000,000 and more than one-fourth \$1,455,100,000, are railroad bonds.

General.

Officers of the american navy were guests of the lord mayor of London. federal grand jury made after investicongress on the Ballinger-Pinchot

Robert Peary says he will not attempt another expedition to antartic region.

Allen Beecher was consecrated bishop of the Episcopal church at Omaha.

Opposition to the proposed new navy was defeated in the Canadian

parliament. Business of the country is on a firm foundation although moving just a lit-

tle bit slowly. Nebraska has 376,335 children of school age, between the ages of five

and twenty-one. Census returns indicate that the United States has a population of about 91,000,000 people.

Two counties of Virginia voted is-

sues of bonds aggregating \$1,000,000 for highway improvement. Suit has been begun in the federal

court of New York to bring about the dissolution of the so-called sugar

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, founder of the Christian science church, is dead. An engine on the Denver & ...io

Grande railroad exploded near Soldier summit, Utah killing the engineer, fireman and brakeman. Witnesses at New York were un-

able to say foreign shipping interests maintained a lobby at Washington. Edward Arthur Smith, 53 years old,

a brother-in-law of Secretary of State Knox, died in a taxicab on his way to a hospital in Pittsburg. "Retire?" exclaimed Senator Till-

man, repeating an inquiry. "I shall not retire until they bury me; I have no idea of quitting the game."

Eugene H. Burr, of New York, one of the members of Burr Bros. (inc.), recently raided by federal authorities, was named as co-respondent in a divorce suit in which the plaintiff, James Harden, was awarded an ab-

solute divorce from his wife, A. E. Standon, of Chicago, went to the little town of Elsberry, oM., hunted up R. O. Sharp and paid him \$600, an amount he had borrowed twentythree years ago to go into business which proved unsuccessful. The

note had long since been destroyed. The Brazilian naval revolt has been checked by congress voting to acceed to the demands of the mutineers.

The question of which faction will control the organization of the two houses of the Nebraska legislature is one that is much discussed.

The Australian steamer Geltia from New Orleans to Trieste, with a valuable cargo of cotton arrived in Nor-

folk, Va., with a fire in her hold. The first Alaska overland mail of the year arrived in Nome from Fairbanks. This is a record for early delivery after the close of navigation in Bering sea.

With a population of 5,328,531, Illi iols is the third state in the union. Crippen, the wife murderer, left remest that his remains be cremated.

Senator Hale doesn't look for much work by the short session of con-Congressman Tawney is said to be prosed to fortification of the canal.

egislation at the short session of Over thirty million dollars are to

It is said there will be no pension

be asked for river and harbor improvements. Much of the red tape in various de-

partments of the postoffices is to be dispensed with Secretary MacVeagh favors a high-

er rate of interest for future issues of Panama canal bonds. The planting of Pacific coast sal-

mon eggs have proven successful in waters of New Hampshire.

Foreign steamer companies are accused of combining to squeeze out American shipping interests. The population of the state of

Maryland is 1,294,450 according to the statistics of the thirteenth census. Hitchcock, (dem.) for senator from Nebraska, got 19,656 more votes than Burkett, present republican senator. Following its Thanksgiving recess the supreme court of the United States handed down many decisions. Francis H. Burr, former captain of the Harvard foot ball team, is criti-

The Peruvian government has no interest in any steamship line to be established between New York and

cally ill with typhoid fever in Bos-

Eugene R. Cox declares the Chris tian Science church will continue to run smoothly, notwithstanding the death of Mrs. Eddy.

Miss Mary Holbrook, many years a missionary for the American board in China and Japan, died Friday at the home of her brother in East Haven, Conn.

A November without wind, precipiation, or severe cold gave Nebraska farmers perfect opportunity to harvest the corn and make snug for the

Colonel Ransdell, sergeant-at-arms of the United States senate, placed orders for four new desks to be occupied by the senators of Arizona and New Mexico.

Four men blew open the Farmers' bank at Garden City, Iowa, with dynamite, getting \$1,800. A citizen named Nessna was awakened by the explosion and began firing at the robbers with a shotgun. The robbers escaped.

W. P. Letchworth, aged 87, widely known as a philanthropist, is dead at Glenn Iris, near Portage, N. Y. With his death 1,000 acres of park, including the falls of the upper Genesee river, become by his gift the property of New York state.

Defects in the administration of the New Orleans customs are to be remedied by the treasury department as the result of criticisms which a noticed in the tables that, with rare Two reports are to be submitted to gating the importation of laces and embroidery at that port.

The congressional immigration committee appointed in February, 1907, to make a thorough investigation of immigration conditions and practices ceased to exist Dec. 5. The appropriation of \$125,000 carried with it a time limit on the commission.

T. B. Fitzpatrick, national treasurer of the United Irish League, cabled \$10,000 to John E. Redmond, leader of the Nationalists in the British parliament, for the furtherance of the cause. This makes the total sent since the recent annual meeting of the league at Buffalo, \$50,000.

The total population of the United States, as revealed by the thirteenth census, is expected to be announced by the census bureau on Dec. 10. Counting Arizona and New Mexico as states the totals for twenty-eight out of forty-eight states already have Judge T. C. Munger in United States been announced. The grand total for the whole country will be about 91,-000,000.

First Officer T. Cheethan of the Great Northern liner Minnesota was arrested by custom inspectors on a charge of smuggling opium.

Seven business houses located in the business district of Petersburg, Va., were destroyed by fire at a loss of approximately \$500,000. For a time a hotel in an adjoining block in which a large number of guests were sleeping, was threatened, but the firemen succeeded in confining the flames to the one block. The loss is partly covered by insurance. None of the burned buildings was occupied at night and there was no loss of life.

Personal.

A brother of Madero says the revolt in Mexico has only begun. President Taft urged cabinet mem-

bers to slash in their estimates. Dr. Cook says a man cannot really tell if he has found the north pole. Heads of the Cudahy department

will remove from Omaha to Chicago. Descendants of John C. Calhoun are striving to secure his old planta-

Benjamin F. Tillman says he has no intention of retiring from the sen-Prominent men of the country at-

tended a Mark Twain memorial at New York. President Diaz for the eighth time was inaugurated as chief executive

President Taft told members of his cabinet they must make further cuts

in estimates of expenses. August Belmont testified before a legislative committee of his effort to kill the New York anti-racing bill. At the age of 108 years Martha Gammons has been declared to be sane in the Howard county circuit court at Kokomo, Ind.

NEW READJUSTMENT

COME COUNTIES SHOWN TO BE UNDULY FAVORED.

SMALL SENATORIAL DISTRICTS

Decided Growth in Population In Western Counties-Miscellaneous Capital Matters.

Adams, Cass, Otoe and Saline counties have the best of it, in the apportionment of state senators of Nebraska, on the figures of population recently made public by the government. Adams has one senator for 20,900, Cass has one senator for 21,-220, Otoe has one senator for 19,323, and Saline has one senator for 17,866. Since the apportionment was made in 1887, Adams gained only approximately 2,000 in population. Cass has gained less than 2,000, Otoe has lost nearly 3,000, and Saline has lost

Douglas county has three senators, each representing approximately 56,-000 of population. Lancaster has two senators, each representing less than after. 27,000 people.

The eighth district, comprising five counties, has a senator for 40,000, and the new census shows a decrease of population in this district of about 10,000. The Fourteenth district has a senator for its seven countles, with a population of 47,000. The Twentyninth district, comprising eight counties, has a senator for over 52,000 of population.

As was naturally to have been expected the main growth of population in the last ten years has been in the western counties of the state, and in the cities of Omaha and Lincoln.

It would appear from the figures given that a just and equitable reapportionment as called for by both parties in their platforms, would mean at least one additional senator for Douglas and several additional senators for western Nebraska. This would mean, evidently, that the very small districts mentioned should be switched into new combinations that would cut down the preponderance of power they now have. Otoe and Cass together, and Adams and Saline, together, would have as near the average population of the present senatorial population of the present senatorial districts as could be handily figured.

In the matter of representation in the house, too, the western part of the state is not adequately treated under the present apportionment. While some of the counties in the eastern half of Nebraska have suffered a loss in population, it will be exceptions, the western counties have gained in substantial measure.

Kearney Normal.

The report of President Thomas of the Kearney normal and his recommendations were filed with the governor. He asks that \$55,000 being appropriated by the last legislature has not been sufficient to build the building. Of this \$50,000 he reports that \$39,529.58 has been spent. The appropriation for salaries two years ago was \$82,000. He calculates in his report the expenditures of this nature for the rest of the blennium.

Liable to Taxation.

Creameries are liable to taxation for the manufacture of adulterated butter regardless of whether the adulteration occurs by accident or design, according to the findings of for the government in the suit of the West Point Creamery company.

Fees Collected by Secretary.

The semi-annual report of Secretary of State Junkin shows the following fees collected by his office during the last six months: Articles commissions, \$389; motor vehicles, coln, the price being \$2,920. \$6,780.80; marks and brands, \$261.15; certificates and transcripts, \$206.65; trade marks, \$16; corporation permits, \$57,260.90; corporation penalties, \$2,690; total, \$77,244.55.

The Socialist Vote.

The total vote for Wright, socialist candidate for governor in the last election, was 6,279. Two years ago Harbaugh received 3,069. The probibition vote this year for Litch, candidate for Heutenant governor, was 4,032, against 4,464 cast for Teeters two years ago.

Penitentiary Report.

The report of the penitentiary for the month of November shows receipts of \$1,694.84. Of this sum \$527.31 was turned over to the state treasurer. Warden Smith sold \$889.55 worth of wheat that had been raised

Reduced Rates Granted.

The railway commission has granted permission to the Nebraska Telephone company to reduce its rates at Fairbury to agree with the rates charged by the local company. It was brought out at the hearing that the independent company charged \$1.25 for telephones where there were mor than ten subscribers and \$1.50 where there were less than ten. But it appears that where five or more persons were subscribers with the exception of increasing their number busts and ten additional relief tablets to ten, the lesser rate was given.

POPULATION SHIFTS.

Changes Will Make Redistricting ar Issue. The Lincoln correspondent of the

Omaha Herald says: The redistricting of the state with reference to the representation of the various parts of the state in the legis lature becomes a live subject with the publication of the census of 1910, showing a population of 1,192,214 in

Owing to the fact that population in this state has moved to the west and north, so far as the farming population is concerned, while the centers of population in the east have drawn from the surrounding country much of its population, the shifting of power promises to be quite considerable.

The west has been building up for twenty years, has been taking what it could get from the legislature. The redistricting will correct these defects and will reduce the countles that have had too many representatives to their proper basis. The Sixth congressional district

the counties in which now have fifteen members in the house, are entitled to at least twenty-one, on a basis of one representative for each 11,922 people. In the Third congressional district, from which sixteen representatives

sibly twenty-one could be sent here-The Fifth district is practically stationary, the Second district gains at

are now seat, at least twenty and pos-

least five members. The gains of the Sixth, Third and Second districts must come out of the First and Fourth districts.

The basis of representation in the senate is more striking than in the lower house, as shown by the returns from the 1910 census. The proper basis of redistricting for senate will be that of one senator for every 36,-128 of population. This will retain the same number of members thirtythree, that there are now in the sen-

The western and northern parts of the state have shown great gains. These are the only parts of the state that will gain with the possible exception of Douglas county, which will probably gain one member in the sen-

ate and possibly two. The disproportion that time has wrought in the representation of the senate is shown graphically in the population of the Twenty-second and the Thirtieth senatorial districts. The former, composed of Saline county alone, has 17,866 people, while the Thirtieth district, comprising fifteen counties, in the extreme western end of the state, has a population of 67,-649. Although having four times as many people as Saline county, the Thirtieth district has only one sen-

Inspection of the Guard. Major Phelps of the adjutant gen eral's office has completed his report on the inspection of the Second regiment of the Nebraska National Guard. Of 701 enlisted men and officers, 539 appeared at inspection. This is regarded as an exception tional showing. Company G of Omaha made the best showing, having but two absentees at inspection out of a total of fifty-six men. The two were out of the state at the time of inspection. Inspection reports on the First regi

Infantile Paralysis.

ment have not been finished.

The report of the state orthoepedic hospital directors, now in preparation, will recommend that the governor ask the legislature to appropriate money for the investigation and extermination of infantile paralysis.

Wet Vs. Dry.

Spuerintendent Poulsen of the Anti-Saloon league is sending out letters to members of the legislature, both democrat and republican, in an attempt circuit court in directing a verdict to get them to refuse to go into party caucuses and to organize as a dry force opposed to the wet forces.

State Contract Awarded.

The board of public lands and buildings has awarded the contract for connecting new boilers and new buildings at the Beatrice Institute for feeor incorporations, \$9,640.05; notary ble minded to Mr. Pomerene of Lin-

> Inspect New Building. Secretary of State Junkin and State Treasurer Brian went to Hastings to inspect a new \$50,000 building which the state of Nebraska has paid for.

State Printing. Bids for the printing of house and

senate bills during the next session of the legislature were opened and the bid of the State Journal company proved to be the lowest. For the printing of 500 copies of each bill the State Journal company bid \$1.72 per page; North & Co., \$1.90; Woodruff, \$1.75. On 300 bill titles the State Journal was lowest at 35 cents. North & Co. 50 cents; Woodruff 3.7 cents, Before the board of public lands and buildings the State Journal was lowest on a small amount of 'supplies that is to be purchased before the legislature convenes.

Statue for Gen Thayer. William T. Rigby, chairman of the Vicksburg national military park committee of the war department, has written to Governor Shallenberger urging him to use his influence with the next legislature to obtain an appropriation for the erection of a portrait statute of General John M. Thayer on the battlefield of Vicksburg. The chairman writes that since the close of the last fiscal year, June 30, 1910 that four additional portrait have been provided for.

AS PURE AS SNOW

CLEAN BILL ACCORDED SECRE-TARY BALLINGER.

PICTURED AS A MODEL MAN

Majority Report of Congressional Committee Declares Him Innocent of Charges-Glavis

Is Censured.

Washington.-The Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee, after eleven months' work, has made its final report to both houses of congress. In the opinion of seven republican members a majority of the committee, Secretary Ballinger "honestly and faithfully performed the duties of his high office with an eye single to the public interest." In the opinion of four democrats Mr. Ballinger "has not been true to the trust reposed in him as secretary of the interior and should be requested by the proper authorities to resign."

Both reports, with the independent report of Representative Madison, re publican, also adverse to Mr. Ballinger, were offered in the senate by Senator Nelson and in the house by Representative McCall. Their presentation followed a meeting of the ful committee.

The democratic members, led by Senator Fletcher of Florida, agreed to this method of getting the report before congress, after their motion to substitute their own report had been rejected in the committee.

As to the conduct of Mr. Glavis in the long period in which the Alaska coal claim cases were under his control as special agent of the land office, the report declares he had sufficient time and abundant assistance to make the field examination which he had demanded.

Nomination Goes to Senators.

Washington.-The president has sent to the senate the nomination of W. T. Thompson, formerly attorney general of Nebraska, as solicitor of the treasury. Mr. Thompson took up his duties in the treasury department during the recess of congress. His appointment was agreeable to both Nebraska senators and it is expected that he will be speedily confirmed.

Bonfire of Ice Cream Cones.

Kansas City.-Ten thousand ice cream cones were burned here in a bonfire in the rear of the federal building in fulfillment of an order of Judge A. S. Van Valkenburgh of the federal court. The cones were confiscated last summer, under the pure food law, having been made in Oklahoma and shipped here for sale.

Wendling Asks for New Trial.

Louisville, Ky .- Attorneys for Joseph Wendling, convicted December 3 of the murder of Alma Kellner and sentenced to life imprisonment, have filed a motion for a new trial. Nineteen reasons for a rehearing are given, chief among them being an affidavit that one of the jurors had formed and expressed an opinion before the trial

Leaps Into Molten Metal.

Barnsville.-In sight of fifty fellow workmen, Charles Kendall, a moulder's helper, leaped into a cupola of white hot metal at a foundry here. The man's flesh was entire consumed and only the bones recovered. Kendall had been separated from his wife for several years.

To Boom Southern Commerce.

Washington.-The executive committee of the southern commercial congress met in this city to complete the arrangement of a program for the great southern commercial rally which it is proposed to hold in Atlanta next

By Lamplight With Military Honors. West Point, N. Y .- Brigadier General Wesley Merritt, U. S. A., (retired), twenty-first superintendent of the U. S. military academy, was buried here by lamplight with the military honors of his rank.

And It Still Goes Up.

Omaha.-Meat is higher. An increase of 1 cent a pound in the price of the cheaper cuts of beef and pork is announced by the packers, and the chances are that it will continue to

Glover Arrives at Boston.

Boston.-George Washington Glover of Lead, S. D., the son of Mrs. Baker G. Eddy, founder of the Christian Science church has arrived here to at tend the funeral of his mother.

With the Weather Five Below. Yankton, S. D .- The farm home of Oscar Eugen was burned to the ground Monday night. In a temperature of five below Eugen and his wife, with their baby were compelled to walk barefooted in scant night clothes through the snow to the nearest neighbor a quarter of a mile away.

Justice Beard Dead.

Nashville.-Justice W. D. Beard of the Tennessee supreme court, dropped dead in the Hermitage hotel here.



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NOT PAGE FROM A ROMANCE

Conversation, However, Reads a Whole Lot More Like a Scene in Real Life.

"And so your father refuses to consent to our union?" "He does, Rodolphus." The sad youth swallowed a sob. "Is there nothing left for us, then,

but an elopement?" said he. "Nothing." "Do you think, Clementine, that you could abandon this luxurious home, forget all the enjoyments of great wealth, banish yourself forever from your devoted parents' hearts, and go west with a poor young man to enter a home of lifelong poverty and self-

denial?" "I could, Rodolphus." The sad youth rose wearily and

reached for his hat. "Then," said he, "you are far from being the practical girl I have all

along taken you to be.' And with one last look around on the sumptuousness that some day he had hoped to share, he sobbed and

said fareweil.-Browning's Magazine.

The Way to Find Him. "My wife and I are going to spend a few months with her people at Strong's Corners," said the meek little man, "and I want you to mail your paper to me-

"Yes," said the clerk, "what's your "Well-er-to make sure, I guess you'd better address it: 'Mary Strong's Husband, Strong's Corners.'

Ancient City Modernized. Tarsus, the ancient city in Asia Minor, where the apostle Paul was born, is now filuminated by electricity. The power is taken from the Cydnus river. There are now in Tarsus 450 electric street lights and about 600 incandescent lights for private use.

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