

MORE TALK OF PEACE

BELIEF IN WASHINGTON THAT IT IS POSSIBLE.

It is Said Parisian Financiers Will Furnish the Money Required on Condition that the War Shall be Brought to a Speedy End.

While keenly interested in the interpretation placed by Paris on the significance of the resumption of the negotiations of the Russian loan, European diplomats at Washington, D. C., Friday night confessed that they were inclined to regard this step as a further confirmation of official news which has reached the United States within the last twenty-four hours that the emperor is absolutely determined to continue the war for the present.

If Paris financiers, as reported, have declined to take up the loans save on condition that the proceeds shall not go toward the war fund, officials in Washington with the exception of the Russian embassy, believe that this important fact marks the beginning of peace negotiations. The several European ambassadors directly interested are anxiously awaiting news from their foreign offices on this point.

Count Cassini, Russian ambassador, expressed the belief Friday night that no inference that peace was in sight could be drawn from the reopening of the negotiations. He learned several days since that the loan would be successfully floated, and while he is aware of the desire among some French financiers that the war come to an early ending, he scouts the idea that such a condition has been attached to the loan.

A DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Death Struggle in a Room in a Lincoln Block.

A Lincoln, Neb., special says: Murder and suicide were the crimes of the city Friday morning. Allen Eppiman, a negro, whose home was in Omaha, searched out his recent wife in the Hutchins block, 1951 O Street, charged her with infidelity, drove J. Stevenson out of her bed and grappled with the woman. She cut his throat, he cut hers, and then he shot her and himself.

When Stevenson leaped from the bed he dashed into a closet, thinking it was an outer door. In there he screamed at the top of his voice while the death struggle ensued.

Stevenson, who is a waiter at the Lindell Hotel, is under arrest suspected of knowing more about the cutting than he will tell, as the jugular veins of both the man and woman were severed. He will be held pending the inquest.

DEATH ENDS SLEEP.

Women Die After Being in a Trance Fifteen Days.

One of the most remarkable cases in the experience of the doctors at the Presbyterian hospital in New York City ended Friday in the death of Miss Luella Huestis, who, with her mother, Mrs. James H. Huestis, had been in a trance for fifteen days prior to her death.

More than two weeks ago the women were found unconscious at the home of Henry W. Helfer, a lawyer of New York City, and were supposed to have been asphyxiated by gas. Neither has since recovered consciousness.

Miss Huestis was an attractive young woman aged 22. A lack of nourishment was the principal cause of her death, as it had been impossible to give her food except in liquid form and through a tube. Stimulants and oxygen were administered without effect.

Woman is a Deputy Sheriff. Mrs. Elizabeth Cass Goddard, one of the most prominent women of Colorado Springs, Colo., has been appointed a deputy sheriff of El Paso County. She is the only woman occupying this office in the state. While the appointment was made in order to affiliate her work in the protection of mistreated animals, she has the full powers of the office of deputy sheriff.

Shot by Duck Hunters.

Two duck hunters, Isaac Powers and John Marel, of Kansas City, Mo., fired shotguns into an electric car on the Leavenworth-Kansas City line, mortally wounding John Ulman, Sixteenth battery, Fort Leavenworth, and H. P. Raycroft, of Kansas City, Kan. The hunters were arrested and are in jail at Leavenworth.

Stout City Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$3.75@4.85. Top hogs, \$5.15.

Prize Fighter Fatally Hurt.

John Hill, a negro, is in a dying condition as the result of a six-round bout at Philadelphia, Pa., Thursday night with "Kid" Dorsey, also colored. In the sixth round Hill was knocked unconscious.

Machinists Want a Raise.

A Toronto, Ont., dispatch says that the machinists on the entire system of the Grand Trunk Railroad have asked for an increase of 25 per cent in wages. The men are well organized.

SIX MINERS KILLED.

Four Others Are Injured in an Explosion in an Indiana Mine.

Six miners dead and four injured, two probably fatally, is the result of an explosion in the mine of the Princeton Coal and Mining Company at Princeton, Ind., Wednesday afternoon.

Of the dead all but one were dead when found in the mine. Their bodies were rescued two hours after the explosion, the delay being caused by the inability of the rescuers to combat the afterdamp.

The five injured were brought to the surface thirty minutes after the explosion. The cause of the disaster is not known save that it resulted from a powder explosion.

The miners were making their blasts previous to leaving the mine and the driver part of the miners had ascended. The news reached the city about 4 o'clock and within a short time fifty relatives of the miners surrounded the mouth of the shaft and anxiously awaited each ascension of the cage. The miners worked heroically and a number of them were overcome by the foul air which filled the mine.

The explosion wrecked a portion of the mine and the supporting timbers were hurled in every direction. The supports gone, the slate roof gave way in many places and the rescuers were in constant danger from this source. The first intimation that an explosion had occurred was the laxation of the cage rope, and which was ascending. The engineer noted a relaxing of the hoisting rope, indicating a force from below.

WANTED FIVE MEN SHOT.

Sensational Tale of Effort to Get Kentuckian to Commit Murders.

At Lexington, Ky., Dr. Cox, Jim Cockril, Mark Cockril, Attorney Vaughan and J. B. Marcum were to be shot by Anderson while in the court house during the trial of Tom Cockril for killing Ben Hargis, in obedience to orders by James Hargis, according to a sensational story told Wednesday by White in the hearing of a motion for bail for Hargis, Callahan and Anderson. White is a brother of Tom White, who is under death sentence for the murder of J. B. Marcum. White said that prior to the killing James Hargis took him to the Hargis store, gave him a 45-caliber pistol and told him he wanted him to return to the court house where the trial of Cockril for the killing of Ben Hargis was in progress and he ready to do as James Hargis told him. He declared Hargis wanted him to shoot five men, White being ordered to shoot in any case any trouble started. "Kill all or any damned one of them," is what White said Hargis told him to do. He said he declined to do this and returned the pistol.

MOTHER SLAIN BY HER SON.

Gun Accidentally Discharged While Lad is Handling Weapon.

Information reached Sioux Falls, S. D., Wednesday noon of a deplorable accident on the farm of B. F. Billings, living two miles south of the village of Rowena.

While an 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Billings was handling a weapon it was accidentally discharged. The full charge struck Mrs. Billings, killing her instantly. The lad is well nigh frenzied with grief.

Gift to Northwestern.

It was announced Thursday that a gift of \$250,000 has been made the Northwestern university at Chicago by Milton H. Wilson, a resident of Evanston and one of the trustees of that institution. It is said this is the first of a series of gifts to the university to be announced soon, which will aggregate \$1,000,000.

Found Wounded in His Room.

Charles Erd, a prominent St. Louis lawyer, was found in his apartments at the Hotel Imperial, at New York, Wednesday, suffering from a self-inflicted bullet wound in the left temple. He probably will recover. To the police Erd declared the shooting was accidental.

Held for Embezzlement.

B. H. McDuffey, a supposed broker of New York, who is vice president of the defunct Bank of Lawton, Okla., was arrested at Lawton on the charge of having embezzled \$12,000 of the funds of that institution, and was held on a \$2,500 bond.

Six Men Are Drowned.

At Charleroi, Pa., six men were drowned Thursday while attempting to cross the Monongahela River. The ferryman lost control of his skiff in mid-stream and the boat was carried over a dam and capsized.

Wounded by Assassin.

At Dvinsky, Russia, an attempt was made to assassinate Assistant Commissioner of Police Degereff. His assailant, who escaped, fired several shots at Degereff and wounded him in the head.

Brookton Fire Victims.

City Marshal Boyden, of Brookton, Mass., after examining the pay roll of the Grover shoe factory, Wednesday estimated the number of killed by Monday's explosion between sixty and seventy-five.

Noted Frenchman Suicides.

Antonin Proust, minister of fine arts in the Gambetta cabinet, died Wednesday at Paris, France, as the result of two shots in the head, self-inflicted. He had long been a victim of melancholia.

STRANGE RUNAWAY ACCIDENT

Seven Persons Are Injured at Bellaire, Ohio.

A Wheeling, W. Va., dispatch says: Two will probably die and five others are severely injured as the result of a runaway accident at Bellaire, O., about 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

The injured are Mrs. Shane Bell, wife of the lieutenant of police of Benwood, throat cut by glass; will hardly survive; Mrs. John Morris, Benwood, internally injured; will die; Mrs. John Robey, McMechen, shoulder blade broken; Miss Alta King, McMechen, badly cut and bruised; Mrs. Charles O. Kenney, McMechen, cut by glass about the face; Mrs. John Carpenter, wife of Benwood councilman, broken limb; Mrs. William Tarr and Mrs. Marquis, Benwood, cut and bruised.

The worst injured were in a carriage driven by Jacob Duke, returning from a funeral. The horses became frightened at a train and dashed into a carriage containing the other injured driven by Robert Brown. The wheels caught and Duke's carriage was thrown over a 30-foot embankment. The injured were removed to the Bellaire hospital.

DOUBLE PITTSBURG HANGING

Two Men Are Put to Death on the Scaffold.

Two men were hanged at Pittsburg, Pa., Thursday. Reno Dardaia went to the scaffold first. His neck was broken. William J. Byers followed him, and when the trap was sprung the loop nose pulled away, precipitating him to the ground. For a minute he staggered around under the scaffold and then the sheriff caught him and carried him into the jail. He was not badly hurt. The rope was again adjusted, and Byers, pale and trembling, was again placed on the scaffold. The trap was sprung, death resulting from strangulation.

BIG FIRE IN NEW YORK.

Nine-Story Office Structure Burned—No Loss of Life Reported.

The Empire State building, nine stories, at the corner of Broadway and Bleecker Street, New York, burned Wednesday. The three upper floors, where the fire started, were soon in flames.

A large number of girls were employed in the building, but all escaped. The flames spread with startling rapidity.

RUSH TO AMERICA.

Thousands of Foreigners Pour Into Port of New York.

The spring rush of immigration has almost swamped government officials at Ellis island, New York. In the last three days 16,000 immigrants have reached port. Reports received from abroad indicate the rush will continue to increase in April and May. Since March 1 18,000 Italians and 7,000 Russian Hebrews have arrived at Ellis island. The percentage of Hungarian immigration shows a remarkable increase.

BAD WRECK AT LINCOLN.

Over Thirty People Hurt in Smash-up on the Burlington.

A Lincoln, Neb., special says: A Burlington train from Grand Island was wrecked in West Lincoln Thursday. Thirty persons were injured, none fatally. The smoking car and the rear coach turned completely over.

C. E. Sterburg, of Washington, D. C., and Charles S. Gaskill, of Alma, Neb., were perhaps fatally injured.

Frozen to Death.

According to a special from West Cliff, Colo., the body of Mrs. Henry Fall was found Thursday twenty miles from Junkin Park. She had been frozen to death. A 12-year-old son was lying beside her, frozen stiff, but still alive. It is believed that he, too, will die. Mother and son left Junkin Park to walk to West Cliff, and were overtaken by a blizzard.

Train Robber West Pardoned.

Gov. Folk, of Missouri, has pardoned James L. West, convicted of holding up a train on the Missouri Pacific Railway near Sedalia and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary beginning June 29, 1899. The pardon was issued on a request signed by the presiding judge at the trial and others.

Bomb Thrown in Warsaw.

A bomb thrown from the window of a house in Volk Street, Warsaw, Poland, exploded in the midst of a passing patrol composed of police and infantry. Six soldiers and two policemen were dangerously wounded. They were removed to the military hospital. The assassin escaped.

Man with a Bomb Arrested.

A St. Petersburg dispatch says the police guarding the palace of Grand Duke Alexis have arrested a suspicious looking loiterer who was found to be carrying a bomb. The grand duke is stated to have gone abroad incognito a fortnight ago.

Two Children Perish.

Two children of Mr. and Mrs. George Hysell have been burned to death in their home at Alanson, Mich., where the father is a mill employe. The mother, when she discovered the flames, rushed out for help. The roof fell in just as she returned, and the children perished.

Forty Funerals in Brockton.

Public funeral services were held at Brockton, Mass., Thursday for more than forty persons who lost their lives last Monday in the explosion and fire. Business, as far as possible, was suspended.

Deadlock Left Unbroken.

The Delaware legislature adjourned sine die at Dover Thursday without electing a senator. The last ballot stood: Addicks, 15; H. A. Dupont, 14; Salsbury, 13; Hughes, 8; Penneyell 2.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Cashed Check for Stranger—Engineer Stops Confidence Game—Through Timely Warning Farmer Recovers His Money.

J. T. Lloyd, a Burlington engineer, residing in Plattsmouth, does not pretend to earn his living by doing detective work, but prevented a very smooth game of graft in Lincoln the other day which was being worked upon William Page, a wealthy farmer from Norton, Kan., for \$50 in gold. Burlington train No. 2 from the Black Hills stops there several minutes.

Soon after taking a seat he noticed a heavy-set man go to a seat near him and inquire of Page "if that seat was taken." Being informed in the negative the stranger was soon seated by his side and they were engaged in conversation. He asked Page if he knew a certain man, giving his name, who lived in Norton County. Mr. Page told him that he was well acquainted with him. "He is a cousin of mine," said the stranger, and they shook hands. "The stranger then informed Mr. Page that he was in trouble and needed \$60 to pay freight and if he would let him have it he would give him his check and appreciate his kindness very much.

About this time stranger No. 2 put in an appearance and informed the first one that "the bill must be paid at once." Mr. Page drew from his pocket two \$20 and two \$10 in gold and gave to the first stranger and received his check. The first stranger then gave the money to the second one and both took their departure from the car.

Mr. Lloyd at once went to the old man and asked if he knew the strangers. His answer was "No, but I know a wealthy man who one of them said was his cousin." Mr. Lloyd informed him if he did not get his money at once he would never see it again or the stranger either. The old man rushed out on the platform and grabbing the man by the shoulder informed him that if he did not return the money at once he would have him arrested. He got his money and gave back the worthless check.

Mr. Page formerly resided near Hillsdale, Ia., and was on his way to Montreal, Canada, but it is safe to say that he will not cash any more checks for strangers.

LINCOLN COUPLE ARRESTED.

Charged with Swindling a Farmer Out of \$17,000.

Upon the charge of obtaining \$17,000 from Joseph Wells, of Lincoln, Mrs. Edith I. Smedley was arrested while at the Antlers Hotel at Colorado Springs, Colo., Thursday. Simultaneously her husband, Joseph Smedley, in Denver, was taken into custody upon the same charge.

Mrs. Smedley is a pretty woman about 28 years old. She denied her guilt and when told that Wells was the complainant refused to credit the story, as she said he was the dearest friend she had. Smedley was formerly employed in May or Bros.' haberdashery at Lincoln. Mrs. Smedley at a church social made the acquaintance of Wells, who is a farmer 40 years of age.

BOY AND YOUNG GIRL ELOPE

Hired Man Elopes with His Employer's Daughter.

Milanda, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith, residing two miles east of Grand Island, left the city Tuesday and Thomas Green, a young man who has made his home with the Smiths for three years, a runaway at that time from the industrial school at Kearney, is also missing. It is presumed the young people have eloped. The girl was seen to board a train Tuesday morning for the east. Ten minutes later word was received from the girl's parents. Telegraphic instructions were sent to the police at Fremont and Columbus. Green was but 19 years of age.

Hard Blow for Veteran.

Harlan Newton, an old soldier and farmer living nine miles northeast of Shelton, last month advertised his farm stock and all he had at public sale and a few days before the auction took place he was kicked on the arm by a horse and it was broken, but the sale took place and preparations were made to move to Georgia this spring. Last Monday Mrs. Newton and a son of 12 years old left for Sioux City, Ia., to have a short visit with a married daughter before they left for their southern home, and a message from the daughter's husband Thursday morning brought the sad news that by the explosion of a gasoline stove Mrs. Newton and the son had both been burned to death.

Two Go to the Pen.

Sheriff Lee and Deputy Washburn left Sidney Thursday evening with Kirk Duncan and Herbert Anderson, who will serve a three-year term in the penitentiary for cattle stealing, they having been convicted at the last term of the district court.

Boy Burglars Released.

The three boys who confessed to burglarizing three stores in Beatrice the past week will not be prosecuted, as their parents settled for the goods not returned and adjusted matters satisfactorily with the merchants whose stores were robbed.

Reduces Saloon Tax.

At the last meeting of the village board of Gretna an ordinance was passed which reduces the occupation tax on saloons from \$100 to \$50. Gretna saloonkeepers will hereafter have to pay but \$50 per year.

Charity is Cut Out.

The state senate, in its desire to make a record for economy in the closing days of the session, has pared expenses until even charity work in the state is to be dispensed with for two years. The state board of charities was cut off without an appropriation and the board of prison visitors has no funds.

Game Warden Found the Ducks.

At Grand Island fifty-four ducks were found by a deputy game warden on the place of J. C. Gerspacher. Mrs. Gerspacher was fined \$25 and costs.

KIRKMAN HEARING SECRET.

Public Not Allowed to Hear Any of the Testimony.

The trial of Capt. Geo. W. Kirkman at Fort Niobrara will probably last for several days longer. The court martial sits for from three to four hours each afternoon, and absolute secrecy is being maintained as to the character of the evidence that is being submitted. About a dozen witnesses have been examined so far.

Kirkman is accused of conduct unbecoming an officer in taking a woman to his quarters at the post and also with breach of arrest. Kirkman has pleaded not guilty to both charges and will attempt to show in answer to the first allegation that the woman was sick and he took her to his quarters for medical treatment.

TRAIN WRECK.

Cars Leave Track and Mail Clerk is Injured.

The evening train was partly wrecked two and one-half miles northwest of Coleridge about 8 o'clock Friday night. The passenger coaches and two freight cars left the track, one car of coal rolling down a high embankment.

George Hinks, mail clerk, was hurt in the back by the front trucks of the combination car breaking through the floor. The passengers and Mail Clerk Hinks were placed in a box car which stayed on the track and taken to Hartington and later in the evening the baggage, mail and express cars were taken to Hartington. The wrecking train was immediately dispatched to the scene of the accident.

The wreck is supposed to have been caused by a broken truck.

A SUCCESSFUL GRAFTER.

Poses as a Land Buyer and Gains Confidence of Bank Cashier.

A fellow representing himself as a land buyer dropped into the Bank of Bridgeport the other day and presented a letter purporting to show negotiations in which he was interested. He presented a check for \$1,100 to Mark Spanogle, ex-county attorney and cashier of the bank, and had it cashed. He got \$250 in cash and a bank draft for the balance.

Shortly afterwards Mr. Spanogle found out the draft was not good, but the man had flown, leaving no trace of his whereabouts. Every effort is being made by the officers to apprehend him.

NORFOLK GIRLS JOIN SHOW.

Five Members of the Ladies' Band Go on the Road.

A quartette of Norfolk girls left home Saturday night with the Chase-Lister Repertoire Company, to be featured as a ladies' band at \$5 per week each. They are Misses Nora Dixon, Gertrude Austin, Tessie Dixon, Daisy Mayview and Lydia Wheeler.

Other girls were prevented from going by their mothers. The Norfolk ladies' band, to which they belonged, is disgraced.

DEMOCRATIC EDITORS MEET.

State Democratic Editorial Association Meets in Lincoln.

The Nebraska Democratic Editorial Association began its fourth annual meeting at the Lindell Hotel at Lincoln Wednesday evening with about thirty members in attendance.

The officers elected were: W. J. Bryant, president; H. W. Risley, of Fremont, vice president; J. M. Barnhart, of Auburn, secretary-treasurer; K. O. Adams and C. D. Casper, members of the executive committee; Will Maupin, chairman of the excursion committee.

A Peculiar Accident.

A peculiar accident was the explosion Saturday of a gun carried by David Hurt, who was hunting in company with Howard Linscum along the Nemaha bottoms, near Humboldt. Both took a shot at a flock of ducks and their positions caused the guns to cross, the charge from Linscum's striking the barrel of Hurt's gun about midway just as the latter pulled the trigger. The damaged weapon exploded, scattering steel in all directions, but fortunately neither of the boys was hurt.

Colored Man Loses His Foot.

Wednesday morning about 7:30 o'clock Robert Moore, a colored man from Humboldt, was at the Missouri Pacific depot in Falls City on his way to Hiawatha, and as the freight started south he tried to jump onto the rear end of the caboose. In some manner his foot slipped and he was thrown under the wheels of the car and his right foot was cut off about half way between the toe and heel.

Presents President's Photograph.

Wednesday former Senator Dietrich presented to the Hastings Carnegie library a handsome photograph of President Roosevelt, which had been presented to the senator by the president to commemorate the dedication of the library. The photograph is 36 by 30 inches and bears the signature of the gift in the president's handwriting.

Bonded Indebtedness Reduced.

The West Point precinct bonded indebtedness of \$30,000, which has been a burden to the taxpayers for nearly thirty years, will now be reduced in amount, the county board having voted \$12,000 to be paid toward wiping out the debt.

Eats Poisonous Pills.

The 3-year-old daughter of J. W. Elliott, of Plattsmouth secured a box of sugar-coated pills containing strychnine and took about a dozen, and after intense suffering for three hours, she passed away.

Man Killed at Oakdale.

A accidental discharge of a gun killed Frank Overshaw, aged 23, at Oakdale.

Rounding Up the Truants.

The West Point school board has decided to enforce the provisions of the compulsory attendance law in West Point. City Marshal Drahos has been appointed truant officer and is now engaged in rounding up the absentees.

Weather Station for Beatrice.

P. Connor, of Kansas City, arrived in Beatrice recently for the purpose of establishing a meteorological station there. He also intends to establish a government rain gauge in connection with the station.



STATE CAPITAL

LINDOLPH

THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS COMPLETED ITS REPORT ON THE HOUSE SALARY BILL AND RETURNED IT TO THE SENATE ON THE 16TH.

The senate finance committee has completed its report on the house salary bill and returned it to the senate on the 16th. The committee slashed the deputy state officers to conform to the statutes, reduced the Peru normal school salary list from \$35,700 to \$32,500, the Kearney school from \$23,750 to \$17,500, cut the superintendent of the institution for feeble minded youth from \$2,500 to \$2,000 a year and added a chaplain at a salary of \$500 annually. The university appropriation was not changed. The detailed changes from the house bill follow: Chief clerk to the adjutant general reduced from \$1,200 to \$1,000, storekeeper from \$1,900 to \$800, deputy secretary of state from \$1,800 to \$1,500, deputy land commissioner from \$1,800 to \$1,700, draughtsman in land commissioner's office increased from \$1,300 to \$1,500, two bookkeepers in land commissioner's office reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,200, bank examiners office reduced from \$1,800 to \$1,500 each, Peru normal school reduced from \$25,700 to \$22,500, Kearney normal school reduced from \$23,750 to \$17,500, pathologist at Lincoln asylum from \$1,500 to \$1,200, superintendent institution for feeble minded youth reduced from \$2,500 to \$2,000, soldiers' home at Grand Island surgeon raised from \$1,000 to \$1,200, and a chaplain added at a salary of \$500 a year.

Chairman Gilligan, of the committee reform schools, has made the following report to the senate on the condition of the industrial school at Kearney: "We found the institution at Kearney in much better condition than we had expected. A wrong impression has gone abroad as regards this institution. Many think this is a second prison for boys, the majority of whom are considered criminals. It is, in fact, a first class industrial school, and every boy that is sent to this institution who has any desire to improve his condition can do so, and when he leaves the school, either by dismissal or parole, can do so with a sufficient education and enough knowledge of some trade to earn for himself a good living for the balance of his life. We talked with some of the boys at this institution and with one who left the same day we did on parole, and they all stated that they were glad they had been sent there, as they were compelled to acquire a knowledge of some trade and could gain an education, the grades of which were as high as the ninth grade in our public schools."

The prohibitionists of Lincoln have undertaken a novel campaign on behalf of their nominees for mayor and excise-men. They have had 3,500 cards printed. Each contains a pledge that the signer will cast his ballot at the election for the excise board, which includes the mayor, which will grant no licenses at all in Lincoln this year. This means the prohibition nominees. If 2,500 such pledges can be secured the managers believe this will insure no license. They are certain that if 2,500 men do vote for this ticket it will be elected. There are 7,500 voters in Lincoln at presidential elections, and about 5,500 at county and state contests. City fights are usually so one-sided that about 4,500 votes is the average. If 2,500 vote for no license it will carry, since the remainder of the vote would be divided between the Republican and Democratic tickets. A vigorous effort will be made to enlist the public in the plan. Mass meetings will be held and literature distributed.

After all, the claims committee of the legislature decided to allow all but \$1,250 of the claim of state Architect James A. Tyler, which amounted, according to his statement, to \$9,636.82. A comprehensive investigation of the entire situation was made by the committee through its sub-committee, consisting of four members of the house, and the committee thinks that the best thing that can be done under the circumstances is to allow this portion of the claim. Many discrepancies and inconsistencies were discovered, but the committee found some question as to the legality of throwing out the entire claim. Two of the sub-committee were for the claim and two opposed, so that under these conditions the sub-committee submitted no formal report. Of the amount cut out, \$500 is for salary for Tyler and the rest for two extra draughtsmen he employed.

Notwithstanding their customary skill of concealing their schemes, the allied railroads have at last failed to hide their hands in the matter of legislation vitally affecting their interests. That they have decreed the defeat of the rate regulating bills an able passage of the Cady rail road commission bill is now generally admitted. The Cady bill passed the senate last Friday and every effort will be made by the corporations to facilitate its course through the house and secure its ultimate passage. Agitation of this measure is to be kept up in an effort to divert attention from the rate bill and create the impression that the Cady bill contemplates all the relief which the producers and consumers in Nebraska want and need.

The committee on arrangements appointed to plan for the annual conference of the National Prison Association, convened in Lincoln Oct. 10 to 20. It elected Hon. M. B. Reese chairman and John Davis secretary of the local executive committee. J. E. Miller was elected chairman and Warden A. D. Beer vice chairman of the committee on reception and entertainment. Other committees will be named later.