

NAVAL BILL ADOPTED

HOUSE FAVORS CONSTRUCTION OF TWO BATTLE SHIPS.

In Addition to Big Dreadnoughts the Measure Provides for Two Fleet Colliers and Four Submarines—Other Amendments Proposed.

By a decisive vote of 162 to 110, fourteen being present and not voting, the house late Friday authorized the construction of two battle ships to cost \$6,000,000 each.

The action was taken just prior to the passage of the naval appropriation bill, carrying \$128,037,602.

The amount is about \$3,000,000 less than was recommended by the navy department. In addition to the battle ships the bill also provides for the construction of two fleet colliers and four submarine boats.

As amended on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, of New York, the two battle ships and two fleet colliers must be constructed by firms working under the eight hour law.

NOTED OUTLAW PUT TO DEATH.

Alf Hunter, Triple Murderer, Hanged in Oklahoma.

Alf Hunter, the negro desperado and triple murderer, notorious throughout the southwest, was hanged at Wakena, Okla., at 11:05 Friday morning.

Hunter declared that Ed Ellis, now serving a life term at McAlester for abetting the murder of ex-Sheriff Garrison, was innocent.

Hunter murdered Sheriff George W. Garrison, of Oklahoma county, in June, 1908, near Hitchcock, Okla. Sheriff Garrison and his deputies were attempting to arrest the negro, who a few days before had killed a negro in Oklahoma City, because he feared she would betray his whereabouts to the authorities in Arkansas, where he was wanted on a murder charge.

After killing Garrison and seriously wounding a deputy, Hunter escaped and returned to Arkansas. He was captured at Pine Bluff last September. He made a confession and was brought to Oklahoma and sentenced to death.

COMMITTED MANY CRIMES.

San Francisco Burglar Makes a Confession Before Dying.

Harry Hall, or Clyde S. Canfield, a burglar who was shot by a policeman in San Francisco, Cal., Thursday evening, confessed before dying Friday that he had committed many crimes.

"I know I am about to die," he said, "and I want to confess everything I did, so no one else will suffer for any crimes that I have committed."

After saying that Harry Hall was not his right name and that he would not give his right one, the dying man told of holding up a Seattle bank and shooting the cashier.

"Then I went to Salt Lake City," he continued, "where I twice held up a drug store. The next week I held up a cafe and engaged in a running pistol fight with eight policemen. They blamed it on a sailor named Haley, who is doing time for desertion."

Hall concluded his confession with the story of several holdups in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Tortured by Prison Guards.

Frank Shatira, an East Indian negro convict on trial at White Plains, N. Y., for murderous assault on a Sing Sing keeper, pleaded in justification that he was driven to his act by the cruelty of the guards. A favorite torture, he said, was to spray ammonia into a prisoner's cell. He described it as excruciatingly agonizing.

Emigrants Become Unruly.

The emigrants who were transferred to the steamer Kanawha from the steamer Cairnrona after a fire broke out on the latter vessel near Dover, Eng., Thursday, became so unruly Friday morning that the captain of the Kanawha was obliged to ask for naval assistance.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$7.95. Top hogs, \$10.22.

Banker Coghill Dying.

All hope for the recovery of Thomas Coghill, a former banker of Seymour, Wis., who is serving a sentence in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., was given up Friday.

Mistaken for Burglar.

Mrs. John W. Bomgardner, of Harrisburg, Pa., wife of a plumber, was shot by her husband in mistake for a burglar at their home in that city early Friday, and died in a few hours.

PANIC ON A STEAMER.

Explosion Occurs on British Vessel Cairnrona.

An explosion early Friday morning on the British steamer Cairnrona, off Dungeness, Eng., wrecked the women's quarters, killing one child and injuring a number of women and children. The steamer caught fire and a panic ensued, in which men fought for the possession of the boats and had to be beaten back by the crew to allow the women to be taken off first.

A large number of passengers were landed at Dover Friday evening, many of them in an exhausted condition. In all twenty were seriously injured and not less than fifty were slightly injured by the explosion and the panic that followed it. The Cairnrona sailed from London to Portland. She carried 200 passengers, for the most part emigrants, and a general cargo. Fortunately the steamers Upland and Kanawha were near when the Cairnrona caught fire.

Several of the first class passengers and American cattlemen gave thrilling details of the accident. A number of women with children in their arms were sitting on the hatch when a violent explosion hurled them to all parts of the deck. Some of them were shockingly injured and one child was killed. The hatch was blown to fragments.

A terrific panic ensued. The emigrants, mostly Russians, were running up and down, screaming and wringing their hands. Their horror was increased by the volumes of smoke which poured from the burning hold.

BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS.

Another Brooklyn Institution Forced to Suspend.

The Borough Bank of Brooklyn, N. Y., closed its doors Friday and the superintendent of banks has taken possession of the institution's business. The bank has a capital of \$200,000, with deposits aggregating over \$2,000,000. B. R. Shears is president of the institution. This is the second bank failure in Brooklyn within a week, the first being the Union bank, of Brooklyn.

Superintendent Cheney said that the conditions attending the closing of the bank were almost identical with those which led to the closing of the Union bank.

As was the case with the Union bank, the Borough was obliged to suspend during the panic of 1907, and was reorganized later. The new management was obliged to assume liabilities which have been a heavy load, and the suspension of the Union bank had a bad effect on the Borough, which was known to be in the same position.

YOUTHFUL SWINDLERS.

Boys Convicted of Conducting Fraudulent Banking Scheme.

Three youths, each less than 20 years old, were taken to the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., Friday to serve sentences of a year imposed by the United States district court at Covington, Ky., for a fraudulent banking scheme which they conducted in the little mountain town of Orr, Ky. A fourth boy was sentenced to four months in jail.

The boys profited about \$2,300 by their scheme, which included the establishment of a mythical "bank" which gave wholesale dealers glowing accounts of their credit, enabling them to obtain large shipments of merchandise. David Prince and Marlon and Richmond Sparks were sent to prison, George White receiving the jail sentence.

To Examine Des Moines Plan.

James E. Porter, mayor-elect, and four commissioners-elect of Kansas City, Mo., have decided to visit Des Moines to investigate the workings of the commission form of government in that city.

School Boy Ends Life.

Cupert Ernest, a 14-year-old pupil of a school in Turtle Creek, Pa., committed suicide Thursday by hanging, during a fit of despondency over gibes of other boys because he was backward in his studies.

Load of Dynamite Explodes.

A lighter loaded with dynamite in the harbor of Kobe, Japan, caught fire Friday, causing an explosion that killed three persons, wrecked many houses on the water front and caused a monetary damage of \$250,000.

Feud Causes a Murder.

John Duesbury was called from his house at Marcelline, Mo., Thursday and shot and killed. James M. Kabody and two suspects were arrested on the charge of killing Duesbury.

Two Killed in a Wreck.

In a wreck on the Georgia Thursday morning near Berzella, Ga., two men were killed and one white man and four negroes seriously hurt.

Water Tank Overturns.

A water tank on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad overturned at Malvern, Kan., Thursday, killing engineer Thomas Kelly and seriously injuring two men.

Old Scout Found Dead.

Joseph Sturtevant, a scout famous throughout the western country as Rocky Mountain Joe, was found dead near Boulder, Colo., Thursday morning.

AMAZING RACE SWINDLE.

"Con" Man's Arrest Reveals Startling Story.

For lavish stage setting, workmanlike execution and ample financing the story of a racing swindle as told the New York police Wednesday night by Henry Wagner, senior member of a firm of billiard table manufacturers of New York, has no equal.

The story came out with the arrest of a man who gave his name as John Brown, 68 years old, and described himself as a broker and speculator, but who, the police say, is George C. Rockwell, alias George C. Hammond, alias "Old Joe" Eaton, a noted confidence man.

Late last month Wagner met a man representing himself to be Alfred Sanford, private secretary to a Pennsylvania millionaire, with money to spend on coal lands. Would Wagner take an option on 2,000 acres at \$7 an acre? He could sell at a huge profit. The secretary lacked funds to finance the deal himself. A trip to Baltimore followed, where entered the "millionaires" including "H. H. Rogers, Jr.," "Col. Moffett," of Colorado, one Palmer and one Marshall. From Baltimore the entire party journeyed to Jacksonville, Fla., by private car—all on the millionaires—and at the racetrack was heavy betting "between friends" in which the victim was not asked to join.

Indeed his conscience was soothed by his being made stakeholder until at one time he held \$106,000. His draft for \$10,000 was obligingly cashed and he generously loaned the money to one of the crowd to fill out a \$20,000 bet. Then came the getaway.

CASH GRAIN HOUSE SUSPENDS.

Failure of W. H. Merritt & Co. Is Due to the Decline in Corn.

Suspension of the cash grain house of W. H. Merritt & Co. was announced on the Chicago board of trade Wednesday. Customers were notified to close out their trades.

W. H. Merritt & Co. has for many years been one of the most important firms in the cash grain trade and the failure caused great surprise.

The reasons for the suspension are closely analogous to those which on Monday forced another cash grain house—the Burns-Yantis company—to suspend, namely, the decline in corn prices recently. Eastern customers of the Merritt company having bought at the high price for later delivery, are said to have repudiated their contracts when the market declined.

This forced the brokers to seek other outlets for their grains, and while holding it much of it "went hot," or in other words, rotted. A member of the firm declared that creditors would be paid in full.

CONFESSES TO MURDER.

Bertram Spencer, Burglar, Admits He Murdered Woman.

Bertram Gage Spencer confessed Wednesday to the murder of Miss Martha B. Blackstone at the home of Mrs. Sarah J. Dow, on Round hill, Springfield, Mass., last Thursday night.

Spencer also confessed to the commission of a long series of burglaries. Miss Blackstone and Miss Harriet P. Dow, school teachers, were shot by a masked burglar, who entered the Dow home on the evening of March 31. Miss Dow is recovering.

New Speed Record.

A speed in excess of thirty-five miles an hour for four consecutive hours was the record made in the gulf near Pensacola, Fla., by the torpedo boat Flusser, of the seventh torpedo flotilla.

Pork Declines \$1 a Barrel.

Possibility of a drop in the price of at least one item which enters into the cost of living—cured hog products—is seen in a sharp decline, averaging \$1 per barrel, in pork, on the board of trade Wednesday.

Flights Called Off.

Owing to a persistent gale which blew twenty miles an hour throughout the entire afternoon all the official flights of the first aeroplane meet at Memphis, Tenn., were called off late Wednesday afternoon.

Trans-Andine Tunnel Opened.

The Trans-Andine railway tunnel was formally opened Tuesday. The tunnel is 12,000 feet above sea level and links the republics of Chile and Argentina commercially.

Raise for Engineers.

It is announced that the engineers of the Central of Georgia railway will be given an increase in wages of 5 per cent.

Colorado Bank Robbed.

The Weldona Valley State bank at Weldona, Colo., was robbed of \$2,000 early Wednesday by "eggman," who blew open the safe and escaped.

New Mexico Town Dry.

The no license ticket was successful at Tuesday's election in Roswell, N. M., Geo. T. Veal, for mayor, having a majority of 39 votes. Roswell is the first city in New Mexico to go dry.

Chosen Head of Mining Company.

Quincy A. Shaw, of Boston, was elected president of the Calumet and Hecla Mining company Wednesday, succeeding the late Prof. Alexander Agassiz.

Nebraska State News In Concise Form

STEPS IN FRONT OF TRAIN. Laborer at Fremont has His Life Crushed Out.

William M. Dodson, a laborer at the Northwestern coal chutes at Fremont, stepped in front of an outgoing passenger train and was almost instantly killed. He died on an engine which was used to take him from the coal chutes, where the accident happened, to the city.

Dodson recently had suffered two serious accidents at the chutes, one of which resulted in his being confined at the Fremont hospital for a long period with a crushed foot.

The accident last week was the third for him within six months, and it proved fatal. Dodson had been working at the chutes and stepped around the corner onto the track just in time to meet the incoming train. The engineer saw him but did not have time to sound an alarm. He was about 50 years of age. A wife and two children survive him.

ACCUSED OF ILLEGAL SALES.

Man Under Indictment in Nebraska, Found in Kansas.

Albert Craig, formerly in the restaurant business at Odell, Gage county, Kan., was arrested recently at Sumnerfield, Kan., by Sheriff Sullivan of Marshall county, Kan. Craig is wanted in Gage county to answer to an indictment returned against him by the grand jury at the June, 1909, term charging him with selling intoxicating liquors without a license. There are six counts in the indictment returned against him.

Craig refused to accompany an officer to Gage county without a requisition. County attorney F. O. McGill and Sheriff J. L. Schiek secured the necessary papers at Lincoln. The Gage county officials have been conducting a search for him since the indictment was returned last June.

BATTLES WITH THIEF.

Omaha Woman Caught Him in Act of Robbing Her Pocketbook.

A thief in a hand to hand struggle with a stenographer, who after discovering him in the act of searching her pocketbook, tried to keep him imprisoned in an office in the Barker block, at Omaha, escaped only to be recaptured by a policeman in a running fight.

Mrs. Kate Massey discovered the man steal her purse from a desk and she leaped to the door and screamed for assistance. A struggle at the door with the intruder followed, and the intruder overpowered Mrs. Massey and escaped, dropping the purse in the struggle.

After being arrested the thief gave his name as C. C. Wilson.

FOUND DEAD ON HIS CLAIM.

Homesteader Near Bartlett Expires While Alone.

Hans E. Hansen, a homesteader, who lived alone on his claim near Dumas, in Garfield county, was found dead in his house last Friday morning by neighbors.

Indications were that he had been dead about three days. Doctors had advised him some months ago that his life was short and he had made all preparations for death, although he continued to work on his claim as had been his custom. He had relatives at Yankton, S. D., and Spokane, Wash.

Farmer Victim of Accident.

Wm. Binder, Jr., living two miles west of Table Rock, was spreading manure on the farm with a spreader when the team became frightened and ran away. He was thrown under the spreader and dragged quite a distance receiving severe bruises.

Buried at Old Home.

The remains of Frank Dillon who died at Portland, Ore., Sunday, were taken to Nebraska City Friday and the funeral was held Saturday afternoon under the direction of the Eagles. Mr. Dillon was a resident of Nebraska City for many years.

Prize Pig of Dodge County.

A hog weighing 1,315 pounds, said to be the biggest pig that ever went to market in Dodge county, was killed at Fremont recently. The hog was three years old and brought the owners an even hundred dollars.

A Tie Vote for Mayor.

The election at Crawford resulted in a tie for mayor between Leroy Hall, candidate on the citizens' ticket, and P. G. Cooper, representing the peoples caucus. It is not yet determined how the decision will be made.

A School of Instruction.

A school of instruction for the census enumerators of Beatrice and Gage counties was held at Beatrice last week by Phillip H. Bross of Wahoo, census director for the Fourth district.

Accused of Selling Beer.

A complaint has been filed against W. C. Peterson of York, who keeps a restaurant in the north part of that city, charging him with selling beer. He was placed under \$200 bonds.

MAY CONDONE SUMMER BALL.

Steps Being Taken at Nebraska University to Remove Ban.

The Nebraska Athletic board probably will take some radical action in regard to summer base ball at its next meeting and openly sanction the playing of its athletes on professional teams during the vacation months. The matter is now being discussed by the Cornhusker mentors and the attitude of a majority of the board is in favor of permitting summer base ball by all college players in this section of the country. The five student members have openly declared themselves in favor of the proposition and two faculty members openly admit that they see no wrong in allowing the men to earn money during vacation by playing base ball.

One member of the board has expressed himself in the following words:

"I have never been able to regard summer base ball as an evil and I am free to admit that I am in sympathy with the college athletes who try to earn money during vacations by taking part in professional, or rather, semi-professional, games. There is no evil in allowing them to do so, and the anti-summer base ball cranks can not give a single solid argument in favor of their case.

"The athletic board of the west might just as well officially recognize the summer base ball playing as to secretly condone it as they do now at every college in the country. In the western athletic conferences we have rules against summer base ball, but I am certain that there is not a school in either the Missouri Valley or Chicago conference league that does not have several of its players on semi-professional teams each summer. I, myself, know of many college men who played the so-called professional ball last year and several years before.

Nebraska has a precedent for its action in the course adopted by Colgate recently in stating that all its players should be allowed to become members of semi-professional teams in order to earn money during the summer months.

MADISON ELOPERS CAPTURED.

May Lyons Returns to Her Home and Harry Boyd is Locked Up.

Perry DuBois, alias Harry Boyd and Miss May Lyons, were taken in custody by Sheriff C. S. Smith of Madison county, Monday afternoon at Cornlea and taken to Madison. Miss Lyons' home. The father of the young woman took charge of her upon arrival at her home and DuBois was placed in the city's bastle for safe keeping.

Suspicious were aroused when Miss Lyons unexpectedly left town on the passenger train going south Sunday afternoon. It was DuBois' intention to do so also, but he was detained at the depot by City Marshal Kennedy on the charge of jumping his board bill. He promptly paid this and then quietly but hurriedly left town, taking a tie pass to Humphrey, where he met the young woman, returning from Columbus on the evening train and beguiled her into accompanying him on the late train to Cornlea.

DuBois is a tailor by occupation and has been employed at Madison for some time. He has a wife who now resides at Sioux City, Ia.

BUSH HAS CRIMINAL RECORD.

Man Captured with Stolen Team Convicted of Murder at Chadron.

It now develops that Ernest Bush, the young man who was captured at Central City with a team of horses belonging to a party from Council Bluffs, and taken back there to answer to the charge of horse stealing, is a criminal out of the state penitentiary on parole. In 1899 it seems he was employed by a farmer near Chadron, and an old man was employed with him. One day while the farmer was away from home Bush killed the old man, hitched a horse to his body and dragged it to a creek. His crime was discovered and he received a life sentence in the penitentiary. In 1906 he was paroled, and has been under the supervision of his parents since. He was but 16 years of age when he murdered the old man at Chadron.

Narrow Escape From Death.

Dr. Claude Watson, of Nebraska City, while riding in his automobile, had a narrow escape from being killed. He lost control of his machine and it skidded, turned turtle, falling on him, breaking his left shoulder and bruising him badly.

New Bank to Start.

The Farmers bank is scheduled to open its doors for business at Sutherland about the first of next month. It will have a capital stock of \$10,000. Local capitalists are behind it.

Nebraska Pioneer Dead.

A. C. Palmantier, an old pioneer and war veteran of Tekamah, died Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. I. N. Bramhall. He leaves a wife, two daughters and a son.

COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL

CHICAGO.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of Chicago trade says:

"Business generally exhibits a prompt response to the seasonable weather. Payments through the banks, deposits and loans, are seen to be far above all previous records. A convincing testimonial to improve activity in the leading industries and investments. Movements have become remarkably extended in heavy materials, raw supplies and factory outputs, but those of grain, live stock and provisions show declines. Forwardings of general merchandise to the interior exceed those of a year ago.

"High prices still affect the markets for the principal foodstuffs and buyers operate cautiously. Farm reports reflect gratifying progress in seeding, and the anxiety to complete spring work soon accounts for smaller crop marketings at this time.

"Heavy deliveries indicate that manufacturers increase outputs of machinery, implements, hardware, leather and brass and woodwork. The market for factory needs reflect strong buying against future consumption, and hides recovered 1 cent of the recent decline. Building operations here and at interior points compare favorably in the aggregate with this time last year and the eagerness of buyers causes firmer prices.

"Despite the largely increased resources of the banks the discount rate for choice commercial paper is held firmly at 4 1/2 per cent. "Bank clearings, \$269,330,675, exceed those of the corresponding week in 1909 by 6.4 per cent, and compare with \$234,232,663 in 1908. Failures reported in the Chicago district numbered 27, as against 24 last week, 21 in 1909 and 16 in 1908. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 numbered 8, as against 10 last week, 4 in 1909 and 3 in 1908."

NEW YORK.

Trade reports are rather more irregular, with distribution rather less active than in the preceding two weeks. Retail trade so far has been better than a year ago, but from many centers reports say the volume of jobbing trade is not up to expectations, for which high prices and industrial unrest are assigned as the reasons. The two features really attracting chief interest have been the outburst of activity in agricultural sections and the many movements toward readjustment in industrial lines.

Business failures for the week ending with March 31 in the United States were 229, as against 231 last week, 204 in the like week of 1909, 247 in 1908, 137 in 1907 and 151 in 1906.—Bradstreet's.

THE MARKETS

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$4.00 to \$8.65; hogs, prime heavy, \$7.00 to \$10.80; sheep, fair to choice, \$4.50 to \$7.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.18 to \$1.20; corn, No. 2, 59c to 60c; oats, standard, 42c to 43c; rye, No. 2, 79c to 80c; hay, timothy, \$10.00 to \$13.00; prairie, \$3.00 to \$14.50; butter, choice creamery, 27c to 31c; eggs, fresh, 18c to 21c; potatoes, per bushel, 18c to 23c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$8.00; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$7.00 to \$10.95; sheep, good to choice, \$3.00 to \$7.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.14 to \$1.15; corn, No. 2 white, 61c to 62c; oats, No. 2 white, 45c to 46c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$8.25; hogs, \$7.00 to \$10.00; sheep, \$3.50 to \$8.25; wheat, No. 2, \$1.17 to \$1.18; corn, No. 2, 59c to 60c; oats, No. 2, 41c to 43c; rye, No. 2, 79c to 81c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$3.00; hogs, \$7.00 to \$11.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$6.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.18 to \$1.20; corn, No. 2 mixed, 61c to 63c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 45c to 47c; rye, No. 2, 84c to 86c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$7.00; hogs, \$7.00 to \$10.85; sheep, \$3.50 to \$8.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.16 to \$1.17; corn, No. 3 yellow, 60c to 61c; oats, standard, 45c to 46c; rye, No. 1, 79c to 80c.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, \$1.13 to \$1.15; corn, No. 3, 61c to 63c; oats, standard, 43c to 44c; rye, No. 1, 78c to 80c; barley, standard, 69c to 70c; pork, mess, \$26.00.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$4.00 to \$8.25; hogs, fair to choice, \$8.00 to \$11.25; sheep, common, to good mixed, \$4.00 to \$7.40; lambs, fair to choice, \$5.00 to \$10.00.

New York—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$3.00; hogs, \$8.00 to \$11.25; sheep, \$4.00 to \$8.00; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.21 to \$1.23; corn, No. 2, 63c to 64c; oats, natural, white, 47c to 48c; butter, creamery, 30c to 34c; eggs, western, 19c to 23c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, \$1.15 to \$1.16; corn, No. 2 mixed, 59c to 60c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 44c to 45c; rye, No. 2, 78c to 79c; clover seed, \$7.60.

Re-enactment in Cincinnati, Ohio, shooting gallery of the drama of William Tell in shooting the apple from the head of his son sent Harry Lacken of Montreal, Canada, to a hospital. The bullet, fired by D. H. Bunce, struck Lacken's lip instead of the cigarette which he held between his teeth.