

# THE NORFOLK WEEKLY NEWS-JOURNAL.

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## POSTOFFICE IS ROBBED

### BURGLARS ENTERED OFFICE AT ALDA EARLY TODAY.

### THEY SECURED \$225 IN CASH

The Inner Vault of the Safe Was Simply Wrecked With Hammers and Cold Chisels—Burglars Got Four Pounds of Nickels and Dimes.

Grand Island, Neb., Nov. 23.—Special to The News: Robbers entered the postoffice at Alda, Neb., a small town near here, early this morning and secured \$225 in cash.

The outer door of the safe was opened with ease while the inner vault was simply wrecked with hammers and cold chisels.

A package of stamps to the amount of \$650 was found in a cornfield across the railroad tracks and a package of \$92 in stamps was found underneath the window through which the burglars made their exit.

### Four Pounds of Nickels.

In the cash stolen was three or four pounds of nickels and dimes and a great quantity of pennies.

Only \$30 of the money stolen belonged to the government, the rest belonging to the store Modesitt personally and to Crawford.

The postmaster is a general merchandise store in connection with his office.

### Nebraska Oil Fields.

Lincoln, Nov. 23.—Oil and gas excitement in Nebraska continues to be intense, and the drilling of wells will soon be begun in the southeastern part of the state, near Humboldt, Falls City and Salem. Dr. Condra of the state university says that wells 2,000 feet deep or more should be drilled along the Nemaha, in order to reach the Cherokee shales, the formation in which oil has been abundantly found in Indian territory. He says that this same formation has been found to extend under southeastern Nebraska, and it seems quite possible that oil will be found in this state. If found, it will undoubtedly be in pockets caused by folds in the strata.

### Tucker Law Held Unconstitutional.

Lincoln, Nov. 23.—The Nebraska supreme court has held that the new Tucker law, affecting all counties outside of Douglas, Lancaster and Gage, is unconstitutional, and has denied the application of Governor Mickey for a mandamus to compel the canvassing board of McPherson county to proceed under the law in the preparation of a jury list.

### Rademan Shoots Himself.

Omaha, Nov. 23.—John P. Rademan, business manager of the Papillon Times, took his life in a room at the Arcade hotel by shooting himself twice with a revolver. Letters left by Rademan indicated ill health prompted his action.

### Artesian Flow Near Homer.

Homer, Neb., Nov. 23.—At the new Great Northern town of Winnebago, eight miles south of here, contractors, who are boring a well for the railroad, struck what apparently is a strong flow of artesian water, at a depth of 305 feet. The water is now flowing to the surface at the rate of twenty gallons a minute.

## WANT NATIONS TO INTERVENE

### American Jewish Students Protest Against Atrocities.

New York, Nov. 23.—A mass meeting of a committee of university men in behalf of the Russian Jews was held in Temple Israel. Edward Lauterbach presided. The meeting was intended to initiate a movement on the part of the American Jewish students, who until now have taken little part as a body in the relief of their co-religionists. Mr. Lauterbach said that next Saturday the Jews throughout the land would worship in special thanksgiving for the liberty and privileges they enjoyed in this country, but that the services would be saddened by the knowledge of recent events in Russia.

"The civilized nations should intervene," he declared, "to stop the atrocities, for which there has never been an excuse." In concluding, Mr. Lauterbach said: "However, much credit is due President Roosevelt for bringing about peace, perhaps it would have been better if the war had gone on, Russia had been whipped, and the house of Romanoff, with the dynasty of the grand dukes, had perished from the earth. Then the Jews would have won their freedom."

### Woman Shot Down in Home.

Evans, Ia., Nov. 23.—Mrs. Will Hughes was killed mysteriously at her home. A bullet crashed through a window and struck her in the neck, passing through the windpipe and severing the jugular vein. There is no clew to the perpetrator.

### Lieutenant an Alleged Forger.

Manila, Nov. 23.—Lieutenant Hugh Kirkman of the Eighth cavalry has been arrested at Fort McKinley on the charge of forgery. It is alleged that Lieutenant Kirkman was short of troop funds to the amount of \$500 and that he raised the money by forging names to a note.

## FOR INDEPENDENT TELEPHONES

### National Grange Favors Farmers Organizing Companies.

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 23.—On the eve of final adjournment the National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, adopted a number of pending resolutions. The convention unanimously favored a proposed amendment to have the farmers' organize independent telephone companies in their various localities as a means of securing more reasonable rates and better service through competition. Another resolution endorsed the efforts of President Roosevelt to secure justice for the consumers and producers of the country in relation to interstate carriers and the Grange favored an amendment to the interstate commerce law which will allow an interstate commission to hear complaints against unjust and unreasonable rate regulations.

### Explosion in Fireworks Factory.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 23.—The building in Grant street in which fireworks were manufactured for the Wa Chong company, Chinese merchants, was wrecked by a terrific explosion. One white girl and two Chinese boys were taken from the ruins badly hurt. Other bodies may be pinned under the debris.

## ROLLS CIGARETTE, FINE \$50

### PATRICK RAYMOND ASSESSED \$50 FOR IT IN LINCOLN.

### CAPITAL IS NOW MODEL CITY

It Was Only a Few Days Ago That It Was Possible to Buy Cigarettes in a Lincoln Tobacco Store With Much Ease—Different Now.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 23.—Pat Raymond was fined \$50 in police court here yesterday for rolling a cigarette and was arrested.

Lincoln has suddenly got busy with violators of the anti-cigarette law. Only a few days ago it was possible to buy full fledged cigarettes of at least one tobacco dealer in that town.

### BAR ASSOCIATION APPLAUDS.

### President Breckenridge Criticizes Severely Legislation.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 23.—President Breckenridge in his address to the Nebraska bar association here last night was heartily applauded, especially for his caustic criticism of the recently published volume containing the laws passed by the last legislature. Plain talk was used unsparingly to strike at the existing abuses.

### Anoka Nuptials.

Anoka, Neb., Nov. 23.—Special to The News: L. W. Mannen, one of the most prominent business men here, was married yesterday to Miss Bertha Crum, the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter R. Crum. They journeyed to Fairfax, S. D., where knot tying and knot untying are easy. Rev. J. W. Oliver accompanying them. Many friends will receive them on their return with the usual amount of rice.

### Anti-Saloon League in Session.

Indianapolis, Nov. 23.—At the session of the Anti-Saloon League, Superintendent Baker presented his annual report. It showed that during the past year the league had received and expended in its work \$339,479, an increase of \$72,000 over the preceding year.

## TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD

Fire, which started in the Badger Furniture store, Indianapolis, did damage estimated at \$122,000.

Carl Winter, a contractor of La-Crosse, Wis., choked on a piece of apple and died four hours later.

Rumors of a revolt at Panama reached Washington. The details are withheld, as further reports may clear the situation.

John Brown, a negro, shot and killed his wife and her father and mother at Meridian, Miss., and then made his escape.

Because they objected to his attentions to their sister, W. N. Jones shot and instantly killed Harry Britton and probably fatally wounded Britton's brother, Frank, at Nyack, N. Y.

Resolutions favoring abolition of American duties on Philippine products and the repeal of the new law to regulate shipping between this country and the Philippines were adopted by the New York board of trade.

To prevent the extinction of the buffalo, prominent men interested in zoological matters have planned to organize an association, to be known as the American Bison society. The society will hold its first meeting in New York next month.

At a special meeting of the Michigan grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen it was decided to levy a special monthly assessment of ten months upon members thirty-five years of age and over. The amount of the payment of \$130,000 is to be assessed.

## MARQUIS ITO IS INJURED

### JAPANESE LEADER STRUCK BY A STONE THROWN AT HIM.

### BY SOME DISORDERLY KOREANS

A Message Received in Tokio This Morning Says That Marquis Ito Was Slightly Injured Wednesday Night by a Party of Koreans.

Tokio, Nov. 23.—A message which was received here this morning from Seoul states that Marquis Ito was slightly injured by a stone thrown by one of a party of disorderly Koreans Wednesday night.

## SENATORS DISCUSS RATES

### Committee on Interstate Commerce Holds Another Conference.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Railway rate-making was again considered by the senate committee on interstate commerce, but in an informal way, as no measure has been presented to the committee upon which it can base its action. Views were expressed by several members which indicated a sharp division as far as the situation has developed. There is the further indication that a majority of the committee will favor a measure giving the interstate commerce commission more power, which means, in some form, control over rates. It seems to be quite well understood that three Republicans and enough Democrats favor such legislation to insure a rate-making bill being reported.

Informal discussions among Republican members of the committee show that apprehension is felt that if a bill should be reported by Republicans and Democrats against the wish of a majority of the Republican members it would create a division in the party that will work disaster in the future. The Republicans who favor rate-making legislation assert that the way to avoid a rupture is to support a conservative measure, in line with the recommendations of the president. Some of the opponents of a bill giving the commission power over rates expressed the hope that when the views of the president have been set forth an agreement can be reached by the Republicans on a bill which can be reported and passed without much friction. At future meetings each member of the committee will be given an opportunity to state his views in regular order.

Senator Foraker expressed the opinion that it would be sufficient to meet the present situation if the interstate commerce commission should be authorized to take cognizance of complaints, bring suits to enforce the laws in the United States courts and that all district attorneys be empowered to prosecute such cases. Senator Dooliver said he believed that the movement for control of rates had progressed to the extent that legislation short of giving some tribunal of the government such power would not be satisfactory.

### INSURANCE HEARING AT PIERRE

### Local Agents Testify That They Use Common Rate Book.

Pierre, S. D., Nov. 23.—In the hearing of charges of violation of the anti-compact laws before Insurance Commissioner Perkins local agents testified that they used a common rate book for what is known as "union companies," the book being furnished to them by a Minneapolis publishing house. The principal witness for the companies was J. C. Ingram of Chicago, assistant western manager for the German-American company of New York, who admitted that his company was one known as union, and that the rates of such companies were alike in different sections, but he could not remember whether there had been any agreements as to rates in South Dakota since the anti-compact law went into effect. The investigation is yet under way. In case it is proven that the anti-compact law has been violated the law shuts the offending company out of the state for a period of one year. The investigation of the St. Paul Fire and Marine will not be held until the 11th of next month.

### Federation of Labor.

Pittsburg, Nov. 23.—One of the most interesting features of the American Federation of Labor convention was the reading of a reply from Governor Peenypacker to the communication of the convention asking that he issue a supplemental call for the extra session of the general assembly, which would include certain legislation in the interest of labor unions and employers' liability laws. The answer stated that the authority to issue such a supplemental call was seriously questioned and advised the convention to get legal advice on the matter. The reply will be considered by the special committee of the convention that was given charge of the affair in the first place. There has been considerable political talk during the past week and from what is said in the convention now, it looks as though there will be two changes in the officers this year. These will be by the retirement of Fifth Vice President King and Eighth Vice President Spencer, the latter a plumbers' union official.

## BURTON'S CASE IS PUSHED

### Judge Vandevanter Expedites Trial of Kansas Senator.

St. Louis, Nov. 23.—Rapid progress has been made in the trial of United States Senator Burton of Kansas, charged with rendering services as an attorney before the postoffice department at Washington in violation of the federal statutes, and it now appears probable the case will go to the jury not later than Saturday. The government has taken several short cuts in its presentation of testimony and Judge Vandevanter has saved time by his sharp, decisive rulings and his admonitions to counsel to confine themselves strictly to the matters at issue.

### Trip Through Labrador.

St. Johns, N. F., Nov. 23.—Letters from Dillon Wallace, the Labrador explorer and New York lawyer, contained the news that he had successfully crossed Labrador. Mr. Wallace is the first white man who has ever crossed Labrador without either guides or Indian assistants. With Mr. Wallace was one companion, named Easton. Letters said that both were well and had plenty of provisions when they reached the province of Ungava, on Oct. 16.

## AGREE TO SUPPORT WITTE

### ZEMSTVO CONGRESS RALLIES TO PREMIER'S SIDE.

### SOCIALISTS LEAVE IN A HUFF

### They Are Denied Privilege of Voting in a Meeting of Peasants—Call Delegates to Moscow Congress Traitors. Peasants Pillage Estates.

Moscow, Nov. 23.—A resolution outlining the proposed program of the zemstvoists favoring the support of the government in its efforts to establish the liberties promised by the imperial manifesto of Oct. 30, but asking for the transformation of the first duma into a constituent assembly, to be elected on the basis of direct and universal suffrage, which was introduced by the executive committee in the zemstvo congress, was the subject of a prolonged debate, in which nearly forty speakers participated, and at the end of a long night session the resolution was referred back to the committee for the incorporation of any modifications made necessary by the criticism of it, and it will be voted on today.

The decision practically of the congress to co-operate with the government of Count Witte is extremely distasteful to the social democrats, the party organization of which sent a letter to the congress saying the delegates had sold themselves to the government, but that the socialists would show them up to the people as traitors, and would continue to prosecute the campaign for a democratic republic.

The socialists also created a scene in the congress of peasants, to which they demanded admittance, with the right to vote, which was refused, whereupon the socialists left in a huff after declaring that the peasants did not know who were their best friends. In the zemstvo congress the legal committee introduced a program for the making of the necessary legal changes to bring about the right of habeas corpus.

## RUSSIANS' GOOD SHOWING

### Two Soldiers Die as Result of Battle to One From Disease.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Colonel John Van R. Hoff, medical department, U. S. A., who has recently returned from the Russian army in Manchuria, with which he went through part of the campaign of the war against Japan, has been authorized by the chief of staff to give out excerpts of his official report. According to Colonel Hoff, the number of killed and dead of wounds was 37,642 men and number of dead from disease 18,830.

These statistics are exclusive of casualties at Port Arthur and show almost exactly two men dead from results of battle to one man dead from sickness. This record is, according to statistics, the best made in any war up to the present time.

### Ammonia Fumes Fatal to Four.

Houston, Tex., Nov. 23.—Eight negro workmen were caught in the cellar of the Houston Packing company when an ammonia pipe broke, and all of them were overcome by the fumes. It was necessary to dig through the wall to get the men out and this took much time. Steve Johnson was dead when taken out. F. W. Miller succumbed shortly after and the physicians have practically given up hope of the recovery of Sam Godley and Jones Lilley. The other four men probably will recover.

### Mutual Cuts Salaries.

New York, Nov. 23.—At the regular meeting of the trustees of the Mutual Life insurance company the offer of President Richard A. McCurdy to have his salary reduced from \$150,000 to \$75,000 was accepted and further reductions were made, amounting altogether to \$150,000.

## SULTAN UPHOLDS COUNCIL

### ISSUED AN IRADE TODAY REJECTING POWERS' DEMANDS.

### FOR A HAND IN MACEDONIA

### Turkish Emperor Will Not Allow Powers of the World to Have Anything to Do With the Control of Finances in Macedonia.

Constantinople, Nov. 23.—The sultan today issued an irade approving the decision of the council of ministers to reject the demands of the powers for international control of the finances of Macedonia.

Whether the demands of the powers is rejected absolutely or on certain conditions is not definitely ascertained.

## PROPOSALS OF POWERS REJECTED

### Porte Says Public Opinion in Turkey Would Not Countenance Acceptance.

Vienna, Nov. 23.—A dispatch from Constantinople says the reply of the porte, which was handed Baron Von Calce, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, rejects the proposals of the powers on all points and declares that the public opinion of Turkey would not countenance their acceptance. The porte agrees to extend to two years the terms of the civil agents of the powers in Macedonia. It is reported that the sultan appealed to Emperor Francis Joseph to postpone the naval demonstration in Turkish waters and that the emperor replied that further delay was impossible.

### Warships Awaiting Instructions.

Athens, Nov. 23.—The warships of the powers which propose to make a demonstration against Turkey arrived at Piræus and exchanged salutes and official visits. The commanders of the vessels are awaiting instructions.

Constantinople, Nov. 23.—The porte has rejected the proposals of the powers for the international control of the finances of Macedonia.

### Agrarian Disorders Continue.

Kursk, Russia, Nov. 23.—The agrarian disorders regarding: Subzha has as Ordinance that the troops have to be declared. Half the district is in the hands of peasant rioters, who are pillaging the villages and devastating the harvested crops. During the pillaging of one estate, a company of Cossacks looked on being unable to interfere.

### Rifles Found in Havana.

Havana, Nov. 23.—Sixty Remington rifles were seized by the police in a raid on a house near San Juan de Martines, province of Pinar Del Rio, in which fifty anti-government plotters were captured. Colonel Julian Cruz, a prominent citizen of Pinar Del Rio and at present in Havana, has been arrested in connection with the anti-government movement and will be taken to Pinar Del Rio for trial.

### Four Street Car Accidents at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Nov. 23.—Twenty-one persons were more or less dangerously injured in four street car accidents. Many of the injuries received are serious and several are of such a character that they may prove fatal. Thomas Leary, Jerome Goldman and J. E. Keelan received severe internal injuries and are not expected to recover.

### The River Jordan.

Concerning that unique stream, the river Jordan, Dr. Libbey, in "The Jordan Valley and Petra," writes: "Perhaps the strangest thing about this famous river is what none of the ancients ever guessed—that its course was mostly below the level of the sea. They journeyed up and down the valley since before the days of Abraham; they climbed down the roads from Jerusalem to Jericho and up into Moab and Edom; they built roads east and west of the Jordan; they built roads and bridges and cities far below the level of the Mediterranean and yet never seem to have suspected that this stream differed from most of the rivers of the globe in this respect. Greeks, Romans and Mohammedans, Jews, Christians and crusaders knew every nook and cranny of its winding course, but failed to realize that while its head and source rested high on noble Hermon's side its mouth in the Dead sea was far below the surface of the habitable world and all the surrounding oceans."

### Calamities That Didn't Occur.

When the first use was made of the natural gas wells people of a certain class were much disturbed. All sorts of evils were predicted, and warning letters were received by the companies in charge. One man sent a caution against boring much into the earth. The world was a hollow sphere, he said, filled with a gaseous substance and floating like a balloon in space. If the gas were allowed to escape disaster would follow. Another, claiming to be a scientific man, assured the owners of a well that any fire coming in contact with the escaping gas would be communicated to the gas beneath and cause terrific explosions. "Men are too inquisitive," he said. "They peer too far. Let them beware." The gas companies have kept on boring, and the world has so far held itself together.

## THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

### Temperature for Twenty-Four Hours.

### Forecast for Nebraska.

### Condition of the weather as recorded for the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. today:

Maximum	64
Minimum	46
Average	55
Barometer	29.50
Rainfall	.46
Total rainfall for month	1.01
Total rainfall for year	36.17

Chicago, Nov. 23.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau this morning, given the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Rain and cooler tonight. Friday probably fair and colder.

### Masmanji Field, Jr. Accidentally Shot.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—While cleaning a gun, preparatory to going on a hunting expedition, Marshall Field, Jr., son of Marshall Field, the well known dry goods merchant of this city, accidentally shot himself. He was taken to a hospital and will probably die.

### Fatal Affray in New York.

New York, Nov. 23.—In a fight in the rooms of the Paul Kelly association in Great Jones street, one man was killed and several others wounded. Scores of shots were fired, but as far as is known to the police only one man John Harrington, was killed.

## TARBELL ON THE STAND

### DENOUNCES REBATES, BUT ADMITS ACCEPTING COMMISSIONS.

### ATTEMPTS TO JUSTIFY CONDUCT

### Former Vice President of Equitable Tells What He Thinks Should Be Done to Regulate the Business and Remedy Existing Abuses.

New York, Nov. 23.—After being on the witness stand before the Armstrong legislative committee on insurance investigation for the greater part of three days, Gage E. Tarbell, second vice president of the Equitable Life Assurance society, finished his testimony, and just before adjournment submitted a list of suggestions for the remedy of existing abuses in the management of insurance companies and for legislation designed to give the state proper control over the companies and to insure the confidence of the policy holders. Prominent among these suggestions was absolute publicity. While admitting that wrong had been done by insurance officials, Mr. Tarbell said he had no apologies to make for any of them and that he hoped they would be punished.

Mr. Tarbell was on the stand the entire day and was questioned as to the system of agencies and the commissions and other compensations allowed them for getting business. Just before the recess the fact was brought out that Mr. Tarbell had taken out insurance on his life and on members of his family, and had received the agents' commission on the premiums, as well as renewal commissions. He said that since he became an officer he had taken out \$200,000 on his own life in the Equitable. Besides his policies in the Equitable, he had taken insurance in the New York Life, the arrangement being made with George W. Perkins, and on this too he received the commission on the premiums. He had also a policy in the Aetna and in the Travelers, on which he collected the commissions. He said he carried \$400,000 on his own life and \$100,000 on members of his family.

Mr. Tarbell was emphatic in denouncing the system of rebating by agents and stated that any agent of the Equitable who gave rebates to get business was dismissed. When he told of getting the commissions, Assemblyman Cox asked if that was not rebating, and Mr. Tarbell said it was not, that he thought he was entitled to it.

Later when Mr. Hughes took up this same subject the witness justified the taking of commissions as being similar to a merchant who purchased goods of a fellow merchant in the same line perhaps to fill an order and got those goods at cost, or of a professional man treating another and charging less than the regular fee. Mr. Tarbell further said, if he had done wrong he was sorry, but that he had acted in good faith.

### Admit Receiving Rebates.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 23.—Before the state board of railroad commissioners here A. H. Hogshett, a representative of the Great Western Salt company of St. Louis, admitted that his house had received rebates from the Missouri Pacific railway on salt shipments. The examination of E. E. Martin of Hutchinson, Kan., brought out the fact that the salt company he represented had received rebates from the Rock island road.

### Suspected Man Arrested.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—Frank Vochla was arrested on suspicion of being the murderer of Miss Maud Reese, the stenographer who was killed by a burglar that she found in her apartments. Vochla had several fresh cuts on the head and face and this led to his arrest, as the murderer of Miss Reese dashed through a window in making his escape.