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## FROM MANY POINTS

EVENTS OF THE DAY HELD TO A FEW LINES.

## DAY'S EVENTS BOILED DOWN

Personal, Political, Foreign and Other Intelligence Interesting to the General Reader.

Washington. Secretary of War Dickinson conferred at length with the board of directors of the Panama railroad company.

The members of the United States section of the joint boundary commission between the United States and Canada held their first meeting, electing former Senator Thomas H. Carter of Montana, and L. W. Bushy, secretary.

A reorganization of the army along broad lines is under consideration by the war department. The central idea of the new plan, which is yet in the formative stage, contemplates the assembling of several brigades of troops in various parts of the country and giving as many general commands as possible actual field command.

Preliminary returns of the national banks made in response to the call for condition on March 7, indicate a general expansion of loans and discounts throughout the country. New York city shows loans and discounts of \$91,537,000, an increase of \$100,000,000. Boston shows an increase of \$15,000,000; St. Louis \$8,000,000; Pittsburgh \$1,000,000 and Cincinnati \$1,000,000.

Rejecting what he termed the "alarming exaggerations of pessimists" in their interpretation of the attitude of the United States towards Mexico in the political disorders of the latter country, Baron d'Estournelle de Constant, one of the leading diplomats of France, in an address tonight at the Panama union, urged faith in the "conciliatory policy" of the United States.

Official announcement was made at the white house that Associate Justice Charles E. Hughes, of the United States supreme court, has been designated as head of the commission to investigate second class postage rates, especially with reference to magazines. Former solicitor general Lawrence Maxwell of Cincinnati has been designated as one of the members of the commission.

### General.

Nine men were indicted at Chicago on a charge of Alaska land frauds. The resignation of Diaz is declared to be the price of peace in Mexico.

Japan is making no effort to secure a naval base on the coast of Mexico. Oklahoma City adopted the commission form of government by about 1,200 majority.

Secretary Dickinson advised the south to cease violence to negroes if it would prosper.

In his address at Atlanta President Taft predicted good results from reciprocity with Canada.

The United States government has made a request that Mexico release two American prisoners at Juarez.

The contract for the new \$2,500,000 New York City postoffice was awarded to the Fuller Construction company.

Charles McKibben, aged 55, a wealthy pioneer prospector, was burned to death in his cabin near Deadwood, S. D.

Conditions bordering on a panic are said to exist in northern Mexico, and many towns are being besieged by the insurgents.

The Honduras congress has accepted the resignation of Rafael Lopez Gutierrez, who recently was elected second designate.

The Missouri senate assembly passed a bill prohibiting dram shops from being licensed, except in incorporated cities and towns.

Concerning his candidacy for the presidency, Champ Clark said the democratic party might go farther and fare worse, and he believed it would.

A valuation of \$2,512,146 is placed on the estate in New Hampshire of the late Mrs. Mary Glover Eddy, founder of the Christian Science church.

The California assembly, by unanimous assent, has replaced its old primary law with one providing for the use of the Oregon plan for electing senators.

The Iowa senate killed the resolution for a constitutional prohibitory amendment convention by adopting the committee report for indefinite postponement, 27 to 21.

The Chinese legation at Washington emphatically denies rumors of an anti-foreign uprising in Manchuria.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harbour are being held in St. Joseph, Mo., preparatory to deportation to Russia as white slaves.

Four were killed and one injured in a snowslide that destroyed the boarding house at Gold King mine near Gladsstone, Colorado.

The Kansas supreme court has decided the law requiring railroads to carry members of the national guard within the state at a cent a mile is unconstitutional.

Action of the United States in Mexico is purely an American affair says a German newspaper.

The foot and mouth disease has again appeared in England. Movement of stock in a wide area has been prohibited.

The campaign for membership in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers is in progress throughout the country.

Thirty members of a religious cult at Findlay, O., have chartered a special car to make a pilgrimage to Los Angeles to bathe in a sacred stream revealed to them by a spirit voice.

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## ACTIVITY OF TROOPS

NOTIFIED TO BE READY FOR QUICK WORK.

## DIRECTED FROM WASHINGTON

Carter's Division to Be Ready in Two Hours if Word Comes from National Capital.

San Antonio, Tex.—Orders have been received here from Washington that General Carter's maneuver division shall hold itself in readiness to break camp and take the field as if for actual warfare within two hours. The order caused much comment, for the particular reason that it did not come in the general maneuver orders issued by General Carter but from the seat of the government.

Such an order means a blanket, ten days rations, shelter tents, 200 rounds of ammunition, etc.

The order to be in readiness for operations in the field, while it might be a legitimate feature of maneuvers, is not taken in that sense.

Excepting the generals, to whom long years have taught conservatism, every one rejected the maneuver theory, but could not explain where war was to be expected. One officer of prominence said he hoped Mexico and the United States would not become embroiled.

"We would defeat Mexico and there would be no lesson learned. The unthinking in congress would have another object to point to, to show that we can depend on the volunteers in an emergency. We can after we have lost 75 per cent to teach the remaining 25 per cent how to fight."

"A strong lesson is needed. Japan or Germany would serve—preferably the former, because of her geographical situation. They are quite capable of attacking us, with their perfect preparedness, whenever ready. We have spent ten days in turmoil gathering a handful of men in Texas. Ultimately we should triumph, but the ultimate cost would be appalling. It would be much cheaper, even in money, let alone lives, to treble our force, than to take such a lesson, considering the resultant pension rolls alone."

Officers cannot be quoted for publication where criticism of superiors is involved, or to be inferred, but the man who made the foregoing statement has a reputation which extends beyond the army.

### WOMAN FOUND GUILTY.

Mrs. Davis Convicted of Killing Her Husband.

Hartington, Neb.—A verdict of murder in the first degree with imprisonment for life was returned by the jury in the case of Mrs. Maggie Davis, accused slayer of Ira Churchill.

Mrs. Davis killed Ira Churchill while he was milking a cow on his farm home near Coleridge, Neb., Nov. 21 last. Her defense was insanity. It was alleged that Churchill had promised to marry Mrs. Davis, but on the eve of the wedding had "turned her down" and married another woman.

### OVERTURES TO DIAZ.

Indications Are That They Will Not Be Accepted.

Mexico City.—The intention of Finance Minister Limantour, attributed to him, in dispatches from New York of coming to the capital to induce President Diaz to listen to terms proposed by the insurgents for cessation of hostilities it is said in official circles, probably will prove fruitless. Only recently General Diaz announced a plan which was not one of conciliation but one of relentless warfare.

### Rapid Work on Canal.

Washington.—The excavation in the central division of the Panama canal, including the great Culbreth cut and the Chagre section, during February, was the greatest on record, being 1,409,328 cubic yards. Altogether in that division 7,933,522 yards have been excavated, leaving 26,091,496 yards to be removed.

### Jackson at the Head.

Chicago, Ill.—W. J. Jackson, vice president and general manager of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois and the Evansville & Terre Haute routes, was elected chairman of the General Managers' association and the Association of Western Railroads.

### Prohibition in Texas.

Austin, Tex.—The so-called statewide prohibition bill was signed by Governor Colquitt. It provides for the submission of a constitutional amendment for state-wide prohibition at an election July 22, next.

### To Report April 1st.

Washington.—None of the officers of the state militia who are to join the army in Texas to receive instructions in military maneuvers, are to report to the instruction camps before April 1. Each officer from the militia will be attached to an officer of corresponding grade and from the same arm of the service. The War department is waiting to hear from General Carter before deciding how many officers from the militia will be allowed to attend the instruction work at one time.

### Coal Claims Affected.

Washington.—Out of the thousand odd coal locations in Alaska, which the government through the general land office is investigating for fraud, 640, covering more than 162,000 acres are in involved directly or indirectly in the judgments returned by grand juries in Spokane, Tacoma, Detroit and Chicago. Although the Billinger-Pinchet controversy halted the work on these claims, the investigations were resumed last June. The result has been the indictment of many participants.

## ALL OVER NEBRASKA

Suicide Deliberately Planned.

## THIEF BURNED BARN.

Antelope County.—Two brown horses weighing about 1,400 pounds each and two sets of good Concord harness were stolen from the barn of Percy Jones, who lives about five and a half miles northeast of Neligh. The thief set fire to the barn, totally destroying it and the contents, including four other horses. The barn was worth about \$1,000 and was insured in the county mutual for \$500. The horses were insured in another company for \$100. The horses and thief were traced several miles before the traces were mingled with other tracks and lost.

## Gas Near Fairbury.

Jefferson County.—As a result of an investigation made by Dr. George E. Condra and a number of university men under the direction of the state conservation congress, Dr. Condra believes that gas of commercial value has been found in a shale formation south of Fairbury. It is believed that the shale will yield about 5,000 feet of gas to the ton and that the solid matter may be used in making Portland cement.

## Adams County Reports.

Adams County.—After consultation with automobile drivers and others familiar with the roads in Adams county, Dr. J. V. Behtolt, chairman of the good roads committee of the chamber of commerce, has transmitted a report together with sketches of the road deemed preferable as the Adams county section of the proposed state road between Omaha and Denver, to the Colorado state commission of good roads.

## Publishes Book for China.

Douglas County.—An Omaha firm has published an elaborate book for the Hangchow Presbyterian college of Hangchow, China. This order came to the Franklin Publishing company from the Rev. F. W. Bible of the college. The books will be mailed to parties interested in the work of the college, also a shipment will be made to China.

## Falls From Wagon and is Killed.

Clay County.—Dave Lounin, a farmer about 55 years of age, fell from a load of oats and sustained injuries which resulted in his death. He was bringing oats to town, riding on a wagon high box. A dog scared the team and Mr. Lounin fell in front of the wheels, which ran over his back, breaking it in two places.

## To Form Poultry Association.

Adams County.—As the result of the agitation for the organization of a poultry association, a call has been issued for a meeting of poultry raisers in Hastings to perfect such an organization. Written invitations were sent to all poultry men in that portion of Nebraska who had entries in last year's state poultry show, as well as the poultry exhibit in connection with last fall's festival. It is the intention of the poultry fanciers behind this movement to bring about a large organization to the end that poultry raising can be more largely and profitably conducted in central and western Nebraska.

## Fast Running on the U. P.

Hall County.—The fast running time between Grand Island and Central City on the Union Pacific, which for some time has stood at 19 minutes for the 22 miles, was cut down one minute last week by the Denver passenger No. 11, which reduced the distance without a skip in 18 minutes.

## Norris Brown at Home.

Buffalo County.—Senator Norris Brown is home for a stay of three weeks, after which he will return to his duties at Washington.

## Woman Killed in Runaway.

Buffalo County.—Miss Ida A. Strassburg, 29 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Strassburg, well known residents of Kearney, is dead, the result of injuries received in a runaway, when, in leaping from the buggy, she sustained a compound fracture of the skull.

## Died in Colorado.

Nuckolls County.—John C. Chamberlain died in Greeley, Colo., where he had gone for treatment for cancer, with which he has been afflicted for the past three years.

## Elevator at Anselmo Burns.

Custer County.—Word has been received that the