

NEBRASKA GETS ITS BANNER RAIN

Best Wetting of the Season Comes at a Most Opportune Time for the Crops.

FOUR INCHES IN SOME SPOTS Curtis is the Favored Locality of the Downpour.

GRAND ISLAND ALSO SOAKED All Counties West of the Eastern Tier Visited.

FARMERS ARE REJOICING Bumper Corn Crop is Now Practically Assured and Other Crops Are Given Good Boost—Potatoes Are Also Helped.

Heavy rains in every locality of the state, with the exception of the eastern part, were reported at the various railway offices Thursday morning. Grand Island and the vicinity, which was early in need of rains to save the crops, which were on the verge of destruction, reported an inch of rain at 8:40 Thursday morning, with the rain still falling. The consensus of opinion among the knowing ones at the railway offices is that the rains of yesterday have saved all crops and put them where they will flourish from now on.

Reports received at the Union Pacific general offices were to the effect that from one to two inches of rain had fallen early Thursday morning along the route from Grand Island to Sidney and north of Grand Island and Kearney and light rains at North Bend and Fremont. Corn was reported as being in first-class shape at North Bend and in that vicinity and would yield the average crop.

On the Lincoln division of the Burlington route every town had been visited by rain during the night and in most places was still falling. At Clay Center the heaviest rain of the season was falling at 8 o'clock. At that time the rainfall had been 1.65 inches. Lyons and Randolph were the only towns in the Omaha division to report rain and in these places showers and light rain fell.

South Platte Country Soaked. At Red Cloud almost three inches of rain had fallen by 7:30, and indications at that time the rain would continue throughout the entire day. The McCook division reported the heaviest rains of the season, and every town along the line reported rain. The crops in that locality, especially corn, are reported in the best condition of years, and the soil is moist enough at this time to insure a bumper crop in corn and winter wheat. At Curtis three and one-half inches had fallen at 9 o'clock Thursday morning and it was still raining hard at that time. The bridges along a small creek near Curtis were washed away by the strong currents.

The Sterling division was the only one on the Burlington route in Nebraska that failed to report rains. Almost every town along the Union Pacific route in Nebraska reported heavy rains. Reports received at the home office of the department of the Burlington were that the corn crop was in the best condition of the season and that the farmers were unanimous in their opinion that nothing could prevent them from harvesting an average crop of corn this year. An average corn crop for Nebraska is considered good. Many farmers on the McCook division claim the corn crop for this year will be far in advance of any for many years past.

Winter Wheat Strong. Winter wheat is already being harvested in many places, and the best condition at the various railway offices in the city are that it is in advance of last year. The towns along the river are reporting heavy crops of winter wheat, and those who are threatened from the shocks are sending in large shipments of wheat to the city. The farmers are stacking the wheat and putting it through the sweating process, and it will not be threshed until in September, when large shipments are expected. Some of the towns which received heavy rains are:

Table with 2 columns: Inches, Inches. Rows: Minden, Red Cloud, Wilsonville, Curtis, Sutton, Aurora.

RAIN GENERAL OVER THE STATE Sections Reporting Precipitation Say Crops Get Great Boost. DESHLER, Neb., July 13.—(Special.)—An inch of rain broke the drought in this section.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair, warmer. For Iowa—Fair. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Table with 2 columns: Now, What? Rows: 8 a. m., 9 a. m., 10 a. m., 11 a. m., 12 m., 1 p. m., 2 p. m., 3 p. m., 4 p. m., 5 p. m., 6 p. m., 7 p. m., 8 p. m.

Comparative Local Record. Highest yesterday, 87. Lowest yesterday, 65. Mean temperature, 75. Precipitation, .00.

Table with 2 columns: Station and State, Temp. High, Rain. Rows: Cheyenne, Davenport, Denver, Des Moines, Grand Island, Lincoln, Omaha, St. Paul, St. Louis, Wichita.

United States is Getting a Better Class of Immigrants

Dr. Steiner Says that There is a Marked Improvement in the Grade Each Year.

"One of the great difficulties with which we are confronted in seeking a solution of the immigration problem is that the United States government and the people of the United States haven't realized that the problem is absolutely in their own hands," asserted Dr. Edward A. Steiner of Grinnell college, Grinnell, Ia., who is in the city to address the Omaha summer school and conference at the University of Omaha.

Dr. Steiner, who is one of the best known of the country's sociologists, has just returned from one of his many trips abroad, having spent March, April, May and June in the ports of Europe, studying the care of the immigrants at the ports and aboard ship. He is very optimistic as to the future of the immigrant if only the American people will do their share.

"The foreign governments are each year becoming more careful as to those whom they allow to start for America," said Dr. Steiner. "Austria now requires the prospective emigrant to pass through four examinations, and Germany last year rejected 8,000 who sought to come over. The objects which these countries have are purely selfish—all objects are selfish—but the influence of the restrictions is beginning to be felt here.

Frances Hodgson Burnett's Automobile Hit by Trolley Car

Brother and Woman Neighbor of Authores Are Killed and Another Woman Seriously Injured.

PORT WASHINGTON, N. Y., July 13.—Frank P. Jordan, a brother-in-law to Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, the well known novelist, was instantly killed near here today in a collision between Mrs. Burnett's automobile and a trolley construction car. Gilbert L. Johnston, a neighbor, were killed unconscious to the nearest county hospital at Mineola, where Edith died. It is feared that Mildred cannot live. It was at first understood that Mrs. Burnett was in the car, but the error was corrected at the county hospital.

Pearse is Elected N. E. A. President

Superintendent of Milwaukee Schools Made Head of National Association of Teachers.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—C. G. Pearse of Milwaukee was this afternoon elected president of the National Education association. The vote in his favor in the nominating committee was 27 to 20.

Alleged Mabrayite Pardoned by Taft

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Willard Powell of Council Bluffs, Iowa, who was convicted in March, 1910, with members of the Mabray gang of using the United States mails to defraud in a fake horse race scheme, was today unconditionally pardoned by President Taft. Powell, after his conviction claimed he was a victim of mistaken identity. He satisfied President Taft that he was in Cuba when the crime was committed.

TARIFF LAW AMENDED FOR BENEFIT OF PUP

Animals Taken Abroad May Now Be Brought Back Duty Free Within Six Months. WASHINGTON, July 12.—The howl raised over a poor Pomeranian pup taken abroad for its health, upon which the "unholy hands of the customs collector was laid when the dog was brought back," was declared by Representative Fitzgerald of New York, to be the cause of an amendment to the Payne-Aldrich tariff law passed by the house today. The amendment allows horses, cattle and other animals taken out and brought back into this country within six months to be readmitted free.

BETROTHED COUPLE KILLED WHEN AUTOMOBILE UPSETS

ASHVILLE, N. C., July 12.—Early this morning, three miles from Hendersonville, N. C., an automobile containing several persons went over an embankment, and the following are known to be dead or seriously injured. Dead: MISS LENA BOWMAN, Sumter, S. C. ROBERT BETTIS, Trenton, S. C. Seriously injured: Miss Mabel Bowman, Sumter, S. C. Miss Lena Bowman and Robert Bettis were to have been married within the next few days.

GETTING CLOSE TO THE HEN

State Authorities Have Farmer in Furnas Arrested for Selling Spoiled Eggs. BEAVER CITY, Neb., July 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Three merchants of this city and one at Hurdley were arrested by the dairy and sanitary inspector today for having disposed eggs in their possession. They were fined \$50 each.

SEE IS GUILTY OF ABDUCTION

Founder of Absolute Life Co. Convicted After Little More Than Hour's Conference by Jury. CHICAGO, July 12.—Evelyn Arthur See, founder of the Absolute Life Co., tonight was found guilty of the abduction of Mildred Briggs, the 17-year-old daughter of the late. The jury was out little more than an hour.

PROBE FOR NEW STEEL COMBINE

Department of Justice Looks Into Purpose of Recent Conference in Brussels.

FURTHER LUMBER INQUIRY Manufacturers and Wholesalers to Be Investigated.

ILLEGAL AGREEMENTS ALLEGED Curtailment of Output and Increase of Price Charged.

TWELVE CORPORATIONS CONTROL National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, Composed of Constituent Companies, Practically Has Monopoly.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—An investigation of the Brussels conference of steel men, which, it has been predicted, may bring about an international combination to control the steel trade of the world, will be undertaken by the Department of Justice. Following a call of Henry D. Martin and Otto T. Bried, secretary and treasurer, respectively, of the Anti-Trust league, upon President Taft today it became known that the Brussels conference would be put under the scrutiny of government agents.

President Taft told his visitors that he believed such an investigation should be made, and suggested that they call upon Attorney General Wickham and Solicitor General Lehmann, who had charge of the Department of Justice of the investigation of the United States Steel corporation. Mr. Lehmann said today it probably would be some time before the department could turn its attention to the Brussels conference, but just as soon as it gets through with business on the side of the Atlantic concerning the steel trade it would look into the international combination.

FURTHER LUMBER INQUIRY

Methods of Manufacturers and Wholesalers Under Scrutiny. WASHINGTON, July 13.—Following closely on the criminal action against the Retail Lumber Dealers' associations of the west and the civil anti-trust action against the retailers of the east, the government now has determined upon a thorough inquiry into the methods of manufacturing and wholesaling lumber.

The National Lumber Manufacturers' association, of which Edward Hines of Chicago is past president and a director, probably will be one of the first corporations investigated. It has been represented on behalf of the retail lumber dealers who have been under fire by the government that the manufacturers were maintaining agreements to curtail the manufacture of lumber so as to increase the demand and the price; that there have been attempts to monopolize the supply of certain kinds of lumber in certain sections of the country and that in some sections a uniform price has been maintained which has resulted in increasing the price 20 per cent in the last two years in the face of a decreasing demand.

Twelve constituent organizations which are said to control largely the manufacture of lumber from logs, compose the National Lumber Manufacturers' association. E. G. Griggs of Tacoma, Wash., is president of the association. J. A. Freeman of Tacoma, Leonard Bronson of Tacoma are its other officers. Lumbermen from ten western and southern states comprise its board of directors.

FURDY ON SUGAR AFFAIRS

Former Officer of Department of Justice on Stand. WASHINGTON, July 13.—Former Assistant Attorney General Milton D. Purdy told the house sugar trust committee today that he never officially knew why Attorney General Bonaparte did not prosecute the officials of the American Sugar Refining company in 1906 for alleged offenses in connection with absorption of the Pennsylvania Refining company in 1902.

Mr. Purdy declared that while acting attorney general in President Roosevelt's administration he had been much impressed by the facts set forth to him by George H. Earle, Jr., of Philadelphia, who pursued the "sugar trust" officials in the case and developed at the time the case should be prosecuted. He reported all the facts to Attorney General Bonaparte after his appointment late in 1906 and was never informed by Mr. Bonaparte why the prosecution was not pressed. Mr. Purdy said he never reported to President Roosevelt in this or any other matter. He reported only to Mr. Bonaparte. "Did Attorney General Bonaparte ever tell you that the Knight case controlled in this case and was the reason why there was no prosecution?" asked Representative Sulzer of New York.

National Real Estate Officers



R. Bruce Douglas of Milwaukee, Secretary, Alexander Taylor of Cleveland, President. MEN WHO WILL PRESIDE AT THE REAL ESTATE MEN'S CONVENTION AT DENVER NEXT WEEK.

TRAIN KILLS AUTO SPEEDERS

Kearney and Overton Men Dash Ahead of Union Pacific Express.

CAUGHT BY FLYER AT CROSSING Great Bleau of Kearney and Herman Finkle of Overton Meet and Instant Death Near Overton.

KEARNEY, Neb., July 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Oral Bleau of Kearney and Herman Finkle of Overton were killed early this afternoon when the automobile they were driving crashed into the fast express on the Union Pacific two miles east of Overton.

The men were speeding east on the north side of the track when they turned south to cross to the south side. Number 20 was close behind them and struck the auto and carried it for a quarter of a mile before the train could be stopped. Bleau was found on the pilot with his head crushed and an ankle broken, dead. Finkle still clung to the wheel although his skull was broken and one leg had been severed. The train crew picked up the men and carried Bleau to Elm Creek and rushed Finkle to Grand Island, but he died before reaching there. The men apparently failed to hear the approaching train.

Prince of Wales Invested with the Insignia of Office

Quaint Medieval Ceremony Takes Place in the Ancient Castle of Carnarvon. CARNARVON, Wales, July 13.—In the old and well preserved castle of Carnarvon, today the young prince of Wales was invested with the insignia of his high office. The quaint town in vestal attire made a holiday and drew within its borders thousands of Welchmen from the surrounding country.

The royal party, which came on a special train from Holyhead, proceeded to the raised platform in the center of the great inner court yard, where the investiture took place. As the king and queen appeared in the open air, the choir sang "God Save the King." This was followed by the singing of "God Bless the Prince of Wales," as the prince appeared and approached his parents, who had taken their places on the dais. The prince in his surcoat, cloak and mantle of crimson velvet presented himself before the king and queen, and the king placed a crimson velvet cap ornamented with ermine and a coronet on the head of his son as a token of princely investiture. In the hand of the prince, his majesty placed a golden verge as the emblem of government, and on his middle finger, a ring of gold, signifying that he must be a husband to his country and a father to his children. While his majesty was investing his son with the insignia, the letters authorizing the prince to hold the principality of Wales in trust for the king of England were read and later handed to him.

The service of consecration followed, the bishop of St. Asaph and Bangor officiating, assisted by two Welsh nonconformist ministers.

Pierce Fighting in Streets of Puebla

Battle Between Maderists and Soldiers Lasts Nearly All Night—Several Killed and Wounded. PUEBLA, Mexico, July 13.—Three soldiers of the Twenty-ninth battalion and a number of Maderists estimated as high as thirty were killed and many others wounded in a battle between the two forces which raged in the streets of the city from 11 o'clock last night until 7 o'clock this morning. Forty Maderists are prisoners in the barracks of the Saragoza battalion.

The fighting ceased only when Governor Canete appeared with a white flag and pleaded for peace. A special train, with Francisco Madero on board, arrived in the city soon after the battle began. It is alleged that drunken Maderists made an attack on the penitentiary with dynamite bombs in an effort to release the prisoners. The Saragoza troops, stationed close by, opened fire. Maderists from the bull ring barracks attacked the federals and forced them back into their quarters. A scuffling fire was kept up all night. At daybreak, the Twenty-ninth battalion came to the rescue of the other federals and used a machine gun to clear the streets. At this attack the Maderists fled, leaving a large number of wounded and dead in the streets.

Dixie Flyer Wrecked Near Duquoin, Ill.

Three Pullman Cars Leave Rails and One is Overturned—Twenty Persons Badly Bruised. ST. LOUIS, July 13.—Three sleeping cars of the Illinois Central Dixie Flyer, due to arrive here at 7:30 a. m., today left the track near Duquoin, Ill., this morning, and one of them, carrying passengers from Jacksonville, Fla., Nashville and Chattanooga, Tenn., was overturned.

Twenty persons were asleep in their berths in the overturned car and most of them were bruised, while a few were seriously injured. They were brought to St. Louis in the coaches which had not been derailed. A broken rail is said to have caused the accident. W. A. Whitcomb of Bloomington, Ill., one of the passengers in the overturned sleeper, said that he was awakened by feeling the car sway and fall. "I just had time to drag myself from the window," he said, "when we struck the ground, and I felt the car slide down the embankment. But I saw a number of persons, including some women, were quite badly hurt." The passengers in two other Pullmans which were derailed but not overturned were not injured.

Sunday Showers



From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

TWO HUNDRED DIE IN FLAMES

Large Area in Porcupine District, Ontario, is Devastated by Fire.

MINES AND TIMBER BURN Rumors of Enormous Property Loss Are Flatly Denied.

REFUGEES TAKEN TO TORONTO People Stand in Ice Cold Water for Four Hours.

HOLLINGER PROPERTY AN OASIS Four Hundred Persons, Besides Company's Employees, Flock to Large Clear Space and Are Safe.

TORONTO, Ont., July 13.—Superintendent Black of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario railway at North Bay states that the fires in the Porcupine district are now under control. A. D. Miles, construction engineer for the Great Dome mine, estimates the total loss of life at 200.

It is stated by one of the owners of the best known of the Porcupine mines that the financial losses are grossly over-estimated. In his own case, for instance, the loss had been placed at \$25,000, which he asserts \$15,000 would cover it. A train from North Bay arrived here today bringing twenty-two refugees from Porcupine, mainly Toronto people.

McDonald Warlop of Hamilton, a nephew of Lieutenant Governor Gibson, was among them.

"The report has spread that I was killed," said he, "but I saved myself by taking to the water along with about 500 more. We were forced to stand in the cold water for over three hours and became so numb with the cold that some went under. About ten square miles of forest were burned over. As far as I am aware, the owners of mines are gone are prospectors and miners."

Many saved at Hollinger plant. W. R. Riggs of Kansas City, another of the party, said: "A great number of people were saved at the Hollinger property. That place was like an oasis in the desert. Quite a large area had been cleared by the owners and they had water pumps, which were saved. I am sure there were about 400 refugees from all directions there, besides the Hollinger employees."

All the party agreed that the estimate that 200 lives had been lost was not excessive and that at least 200 perished at Porcupine Lake.

The greatest catastrophe appears to have occurred at South Porcupine, where 600 people sought refuge in the lake. Of these 200 persons, many of them with children in their arms, lost their lives, according to a private message received here from W. A. Carlton of Hallowellville, a prospector, who was in the lake when the fire was at its height. Boats and canoes in which they had put off from the shores were upset by equals.

Superintendent Welas Dead. West Dome representatives in Toronto have received telegrams giving the total number of deaths at that property at twenty-five, including Robert A. Welas, superintendent of the mine; Mrs. Welas and Miss Welas. The destitute survivors have appealed for funds.

Their clothing saturated by smoke and the faces blistered by flames, some of the earliest refugees from the burned districts are easily located among passengers who arrived in Toronto from North Bay at noon today. Among the arrivals were J. A. Williams, A. D. Williams and L. P. Abahler, all of Kansas City, and Thomas Williams and wife of Denver, Colo.

Reports Becoming Worse. NORTH BAY, Ont., July 13.—Reports from the fire zone at Porcupine are hourly growing worse and in addition to fifty coffins previously shipped a carload of caskets was sent in this morning. It is estimated the death toll will be hundreds, while thousands of men are struggling in the settlements, severely burned and wearied to the limit of human endurance. Everyone brings reports of many dead bodies lying along the trails and at the end of small lakes, where the flames overcame them.

The wind was blowing with a velocity of sixty miles and Porcupine lake was lashed into a fury of mountainous waves, in the face of which boatmen conveyed women and children from South Porcupine to Golden City. A car of dynamite standing on a railway track exploded with a deafening roar, but no one was injured from it.

Many settlers from Taylor township lost everything and had to fly for their lives to Mathesonville, which is now asking for assistance in care for the sufferers. "The women and children are coming from Porcupine and other fire-wrecked centers. General Agent Lee of the government railway came out with 500 women and children from Cochrane. The private car Calabogie was put on his train and used for hospital purposes. The report that Elk Lake was wiped out is discredited and that town is said to be all right. Searching parties are being organized to go into the fire belt to aid those who are unable to get out.

Death and Destruction. "Wreck, blackened and burned men are limping into Golden City every hour with sad tales of death and destruction, but the catastrophe is so vast that days will pass before accurate news will be available." (Continued on Second Page.)

Boxes of O'Brien's Candy

Round trip tickets to Lake Manawa. Quart bricks of Dalzell's ice cream. All given away free to those who find their names in the want ads. Read the want ads every day, your name will appear sometime, may be more than once. No puzzles to solve nor subscriptions to get—just read the want ads. Turn to the want ad pages—now.

GOVERNOR DENEEN TESTIFIES

Illinois Executive is Witness in Lorimer Case. TELLS OF TALK WITH SENATOR Says They Discussed Illinois Politics for Five Hours Without Defendant Indicating His Attitude Toward Witness.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 13.—Governor Deneen absolutely denied Edward Hines' version of the famous telephone conversation between Deneen and Hines on May 26. Deneen said Hines phoned him that President Reynolds of the Continental bank would convey to his request from the president acting through Senator Aldrich to support Lorimer.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Governor Charles S. Deneen of Illinois today for the first time gave his account of the election of Senator Lorimer. He was called as a witness today when the senate committee resumed its investigation. He was subpoenaed by the present committee. Deneen's answers frequently have mentioned his name in connection with the election.

Governor Deneen told of his nomination for governor in 1904. Former Governor Yates had testified that Governor Deneen failed to carry out his promise to support Yates for senate and so Yates declared Deneen was "a liar still."

"I don't think the senatorship was mentioned at that time," declared Governor Deneen today.

Governor Deneen said that he afterward supported Yates for senator and that their relations always had been pleasant. He denied that Yates ever had given him to understand that he (Deneen) had lied in connection with the support of Yates. Yates testified that in conversation with Deneen he had given Deneen to understand that he had not acted fairly toward him. Deneen's answers frequently have mentioned the election of Edward Shurtleff as speaker of the Illinois legislature which elected Senator Lorimer in 1909.

Mr. Deneen said he favored the re-election of Senator Hopkins after the primaries in Springfield, he said, he had been in the holding of a republican caucus at Springfield, so that representatives elected from Foss' districts might vote for Foss in the caucus and subsequently follow the vote of the majority of the caucus.

Meeting With Lorimer. Governor Deneen said the first meeting between himself and Lorimer took place on January 12, 1909, and was arranged by Roy O. West, chairman of the republican state committee, who asked if a visit from Lorimer would be agreeable.

"A general discussion of political conditions" occurred, so Governor Deneen testified. "We talked about getting accurate knowledge of conditions in the general assembly."

"Along what lines?" asked Attorney Healy. "Chiefly about myself."

Governor Deneen said that he had just been defeated in the contest over the speakership and that the democratic candidate for governor was contesting his own election. "We talked about the source of my weakness in the legislature," he added, and I wanted to know what position the election of sixty democrats and the few republicans that had assisted Shurtleff would take in regard to the governorship contest."

Question by Kern. "Do you mean to say that during the five hours of conversation Mr. Lorimer did not indicate whether he and his followers would support you in your contest?" asked Senator Kern of Indiana.

"He did not," responded Governor Deneen. "I was anxious at that time to see if I was going to be thrown out I would be thrown out at once."

"Did you consider that Lorimer would be influenced in the settlement of that contest?" asked Senator Keaton of Iowa. "Lorimer and Speaker Shurtleff."

"Did you think that after the people of the state had elected you it depended upon a what Lorimer and Shurtleff said as to whether you could be governor?" continued Mr. Keaton. Governor Deneen in reply explained the influence the speaker would have in such a contest, adding that he believed that Shurtleff would be controlled by Lorimer.

Lewis' Books Impounded. ST. LOUIS, July 13.—Judge Treiber in the United States district court made an order today impounding the books and records of several of E. G. Lewis' concerns, following the publisher's indictment on charges of misuse of the mails. Under the order the books can be inspected only by government lawyers and agents. The Lewis case was put on the November docket.