

## The Bigger the Man, the Cleaner the Desk



## MAKERS OF NEWS PRINT PAPER ASK U.S. TO FIX PRICE

Facing Criminal Prosecution, Manufacturers Propose to Trade Commission to Say What Shall Charge.

### VICTORY FOR PUBLISHERS

Board's Statement Says it Means Millions to Large Concerns, Life to Little Ones.

### CHARGES LIKELY DROPPED

Washington, Feb. 16.—News print paper manufacturers, facing criminal prosecution in United States courts for alleged participation in restraint of trade, proposed to the Federal Trade Commission today that it fix a reasonable price for the output of the principal plants of the United States and Canada. The commission announced it had the proposal under consideration and would reply immediately. It is generally believed the answer will be an acceptance.

The action of the manufacturers gives a signal victory to American newspaper publishers, who in the face of advancing paper prices have seen nothing ahead but ruin for many of their number. If the proposal is accepted, officials say it will mark an expansion of the functions of the government, which in arbitrating the differences between two industries, opens up a wide field of possibilities for the future.

### Move Made to Escape Prosecution

Although nothing has been said concerning the continuance of grand jury proceedings in New York, it is well understood the manufacturers' move was predicated on the assumption that there would be no criminal prosecutions. The manufacturers in their proposal, while denying there have been any violations of the law, agree that the trade commission, if it finds it necessary may make recommendations for such changes in the business of print paper manufacture that the industry "may maintain its organization, management and conduct of business in accordance with the law."

The announcement came after several days' conferences between representatives of manufacturers who make enough of the continent's print paper to control the market, and attorneys for the commission, headed by Francis J. Heney of San Francisco, who was retained especially for the commission's investigation of the industry. The administration has shown the keenest interest in the proceedings and it was said today Secretary McAdoo's aid had made possible the result. President Wilson has watched the situation since the trade commission began its inquiry eight months ago.

### Grand Jury Proceedings Effective.

The investigation was put under way last summer under a resolution adopted by the senate. Information gathered tending to show anti-trust law violations was turned over to the department of justice, while all information bearing on economic phases of the situation was collected by the commission. At the hearings held last fall and as late as January, the manufacturers, it is said, discouraged the commission's efforts to find a solution for prohibitive prices. After the grand jury proceedings were started they came voluntarily to Washington with their proposition. It is estimated if the proposal is accepted and reasonable prices are fixed, at least \$30,000,000 will be saved to American publishers this year. Nothing is said of increased production, but it is understood the manufacturers are willing to keep enough machines on news print to insure a paper supply for the entire country.

### What Canada Will Do.

It was learned today that the Canadian government will, under orders in council, fix a maximum price of 2 1/2 cents a pound on news print sold to Canadian publishers, leaving the price to be charged

## AMERICA'S SPIRIT THAT OF CRUSADER

Dr. Fling Says if U. S. Enters War it Will Be for Good of the Entire World.

### TALK AT COMMENCEMENT

Lincoln, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—"America's spirit would be that of the crusaders in entering the world war if it is forced to fight," said Prof. F. M. Fling of the department of European history of the University of Nebraska, delivering the annual mid-winter commencement day address to the graduating class here last night at the Temple theater.

### Fifty-five Degrees Granted.

Dr. Fling chose as the subject for his commencement address "The European War." The Temple theater was packed. Fifty-five degrees were granted—the largest mid-winter graduating class the University of Nebraska ever had.

During the earlier months of the war Dr. Fling said the United States pursued an ultra-conservative policy; but he had no criticism for President Wilson. He commended the latest utterances of the president and especially the address to the United States senate dealing with the German crisis.

### German Peace Proposal.

Dr. Fling said he believed President Wilson was fully aware that Germany had submitted its peace proposals through him as a preliminary step towards resuming the submarine warfare. He thought the president had shown extremely wise statesmanship in asking the allies and Germany to state what they were fighting for.

"It opened the eyes of the United States to the real controversy as nothing else would do. The allies gave definite answers as to what they were fighting for, while Germany dealt in generalities.

"If the United States should be forced into the conflict it would not be so unfortunate as many regard," Dr. Fling asserted, "inasmuch as it would assure this country a voice in determining the status of the future league of nations—a voice which it should not expect to have if it remained silent."

### Board of Regents Meet.

The Board of Regents met in connection with the mid-winter commencement, and after approving degrees conferred with Dean Cutter of the Omaha Medical college and Dr. F. M. Andrus, secretary of the Nebraska Eclectic Physicians' association with regard to the establishment of a department for that branch of the profession. No definite action was taken, although it was understood that full arrangements would be completed and a report given to the regents at the next meeting.

### University of Illinois Claims Another Nebraska Professor.

The resignation of Prof. Paul Nicolette, landscape gardener at the state farm, was accepted, Dr. Nicolette having accepted a similar position at the Urbana institution.

### Dr. Avery was Authorized to Visit Various Universities in the Western Part of the United States and inspect the departments of journalism there with a view toward enlarging the course at Nebraska.

## Two United States Warships Are Now In Cuban Waters

Washington, Feb. 16.—Two American warships were at anchor today in Cuban ports. The Petrel, a gunboat, was at Santiago, which is held by rebels, and the Dixie, a repair ship, was at Havana.

Developments in the revolutionary situation were not of an alarming character, but the ships will be held in Cuban waters as long as there appears possibility of danger to Americans or their interests.

### Second Trainload of Americans Leaves Berne

Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 16, 3:35 a. m.—(Via Paris.)—The last contingent of the American colony arriving here from Germany left tonight for Paris on their way to Spain and home. The expected arrival of an additional number of Americans from Germany, including American consuls, has not occurred and in consequence reports are rife that they are being detained by the German government.

## Man Who Was Found Dead Here Led Lonely Life Apart From Family

George B. Kelley, who was found dead in a room at 1909 California street Tuesday, was once the owner of a grocery store in Dodge, Neb. When his body was discovered 3 cents were in his pockets, a box of dry crackers was on a table and near him was a bottle of laudanum. A shabby suitcase with a few well-worn personal belongings lay at his feet.

The Blair Democrat hints at a great secret sorrow in the dead man's life. Its story reads in part: "George B. Kelley owned a grocery store at Dodge, Neb., many years ago. He quit business and with his wife came to Blair about 1893. He became a traveling representative for a grocery concern. The Kelleys apparently lived happily and raised a family of four sons, A. R., Edwin, Sidney and Harold, and one daughter, Gertrude Kelley. Three of the children graduated from the Blair High school. The family lived in the little cottage one door east of the Latter Day Saints' church. About ten or twelve years ago, George B. Kelley, the husband

## GERMANS TAKE MILE AND HALF OF FRENCH LINE

Crown Prince Captures Positions for Depth of Half Mile in Champaign in Infantry Attack.

### PRECEDED BY ARTILLERY

Four Trenches of Captured in Furious Attack by Teutons.

### COUNTER CHARGES IN VAIN

Berlin, Feb. 16.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—Troops of the German crown prince in an attack against French positions south of Ripont, in the champagne, yesterday, the war office announced today, on a front of about a mile and a half, captured ground to a depth of half a mile. The Germans took 858 prisoners, including twenty-one officers.

The attack, which was preceded by intense artillery fire, was made mainly against French positions at Maisons de Champagne farm and Hill No. 185, about one-third of a mile south of the farm. Four lines of French positions were stormed in the attack. The French made counter attacks last night and this morning, but were repulsed with losses. The German losses are said to have been small.

### The German Statement.

The statement follows: "Western front, army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht: Northeast of Armentieres and south of La Basse canal and in the Somme sector the artillery activity continued into the night. Gatherings of hostile infantry in trenches north of Armentieres, west of the hill, were confronted by the Ancre were shelled by us with devastating fire and no attacks developed.

### Four Lines Taken.

"On Maisons de Champagne farm and Hill No. 185 four hostile lines on a width of 2,600 meters were stormed to a depth of 800 meters. Twenty-one officers and 837 men of other ranks were made prisoner. Twenty machine guns and one mine thrower were brought in as booty. Our losses were small.

"The French increased their own losses in useless counter attacks which they carried on in the evening and this morning against the positions taken from them.

An official communication says Emperor William has telegraphed the German crown prince congratulating him and his troops for their successful attack against the French in Champagne, which he says maintained their reputation for smart execution.

### Location of Farm.

The Maisons de Champagne farm and Hill 185 are about a mile and a half south of Ripont, which is on the main road between the Abure and Cernay. Ripont is about thirty-three miles west of Verdun and about the same distance east of Rheims.

### French Communication.

Paris, Feb. 16.—The war office communication this morning says: "At 11 o'clock last night in the region of Berry au Braac we carried out several surprise attacks successfully and brought back about thirty prisoners.

"To the west of Les Maisons de Champagne the artillery activity continues but without infantry action. The fire of our heavy batteries caused an explosion of an ammunition depot at Mancre, to the north of Tahure.

"In Lorraine, near Nomeny, a German reconnoitering party were surprised by our fire and scattered. The enemy left behind several dead.

"In the region of Louvemont artillery fighting has been reported.

"In the Vosges, to the south of St. Marie Pass, an enemy long range gun fired several shells in the direction of Nancy."

## ROBBER LOOTS BANK AT UNIVERSITY PLACE

Boldly Enters in Daylight, Orders Cashier into Vault and Takes \$1,500.

### ESCAPES IN RUNABOUT

Lincoln, Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—No traces of the man who robbed the University Place First National bank of \$1,500 today have been found.

The president of the bank, B. H. Schaberg, was alone in the building when the robber entered and asked him to change a small bill into dimes. When Mr. Schaberg raised his head from the till he was confronted by a revolver, ordered to stand aside and then to go into the vault, in which he was locked.

In anticipation of some such circumstance, a screw driver had been left in the vault. In five minutes Mr. Schaberg had obtained his freedom.

S. H. Chism in a drug store across the street saw a man answering the description enter a small runabout which was driven by a confederate down Warren avenue just after he emerged from the bank.

### Bandit Young Man.

The robber was about 23 years old, smooth shaven, light weight and well dressed. The change on the counter was not disturbed and the robber took his time in leaving the bank.

The city police were summoned and Chief Dunn swore in a large number of deputies who within fifteen minutes began to scour the country roads. All nearby towns were notified but no reports of the men were secured. The men had perhaps ten or fifteen minutes start before the chase was organized.

The robber made his getaway in a car owned by C. H. Wilson of Lincoln. The machine was stolen in the morning. It is a Studebaker Six, 7-passenger model. The license number is 12116 and its engine number is 39168.

A reward for the apprehension of the robbers will be offered by the Nebraska Bankers' association, officials state. All of the towns in the state have been notified of the daring robbery by telephone or telegraph notices.

### Headed for Kansas.

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—From a description of the two men who robbed the bank at University Place this afternoon, Sheriff Acton says he thinks they are part of the Nebraska-Kansas gang of bank robbers who operated in this section a few years ago. It is said that two men supposed to be the robbers passed east of this city in an automobile late this afternoon en route south. Two Lincoln officers arrived here tonight in search of the bandits.

## U. S. Asks About Reported Release of Raider Captives

Washington, Feb. 16.—An inquiry as to the truth of unofficial reports of the release of the seventy-two American Yarrowdale prisoners was sent to the Spanish minister at Berlin today by the State department. Pending a reply, a demand that the men be freed will be withheld.

### Street Car Hits Coal Wagon, Injuring Two Men

J. W. Carter, residing near Seventeenth and Leavenworth streets, and H. Clayton, 2520 South Twelfth street, drivers for the Union Fuel company, were knocked from a coal wagon when struck by a Hanscom park car at Twenty-second and Leavenworth streets. Carter fell underneath the horses and received a wrenching back. The injuries of Clayton were minor. After getting first aid treatment the men were sent to their homes.

## SENATE PASSES THE POSTAL BILL

Efforts to Increase Postage on Second-Class Matter Finally Fail.

### BONE DRY AMENDMENTS

Washington, Feb. 16.—With its added drastic prohibition legislative provisions to annual postoffice appropriation bill carrying \$332,000,000 was passed by the senate today after a week of vigorous debate. It was sent back to the house, which will ask for a conference on the amendments.

The senate wrote into the bill a provision making it a criminal offense to ship liquor into states which prohibit its manufacture and sale, thus nullifying the statutes of certain prohibition states permitting the importation of limited quantities of liquor for personal consumption.

Another provision would bar from the mails letters, postal cards, circulars, newspapers and other publications containing liquor advertising in states having laws against such advertising, violation to be punishable with a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or imprisonment not to exceed six months for the first offense or more than one year for the second offense.

An amendment was added making it mandatory on the postmaster general to renew for another year pneumatic mail tube contracts in large cities and providing for a commission to investigate the tube systems with a view to their purchase by the government.

Determined efforts made by the postoffice committee to decrease second class mail rates and to establish 1-cent postage on drop letters were made and bitterly condemned and the proposals finally were thrown out on a point of order.

## Twelve Ships Go Through War Zone Without a Mishap

New York, Feb. 16.—Twelve American, British, French, Belgian, Swedish and Dutch steamships, most of them freighters, arrived here today, several having left European ports after Germany's submarine policy was announced. These ships make almost a record number of arrivals from the war zone in a single day, and the greatest number in one day since February 1. Three American freighters to reach here are the A. A. Raven, from Wales; Virginia, from Naples, and the Aztec from Havre. The other arrivals are: British, Canopic, from Italy; Buffalo, from Hull; Isle of Lewis, from Amsterdam; Belgian: Hainaut from Calais and Republica Argentine and Leopold III from Rotterdam. French: Honduras from Bordeaux. Swedish: Algieri from Lisbon.

## French Ministry Asks Ten Billion Francs for Second Quarter of Year

Paris, Feb. 16.—Alexandre Ribot, minister of finance, today asked the French Chamber of Deputies to appropriate 9,574,000,000 francs to cover the government's expenditures for the second quarter of the present year. This was an increase of 900,000,000 francs over the amount of the appropriations for the first quarter.

Referring to the growing expenditures of the French government, Minister Ribot said: "The greatest of our tasks is not to raise money at home for the growing expenditures. It is in reducing the loans made abroad to pay for foreign purchases. We must better utilize our own forces of production and put an end to all importations that are not rigorously necessary."

## STRENGTHENS THE BORDER PATROLS

More Soldiers Will Be Placed on Duty Near Scene of Killing.

### DE FACTOS AFTER SALAZAR

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 16.—As the result of the raid on the Corner ranch and the activity of Salazar's forces south of the border, American patrols in the border territory west of Columbus are to be strengthened, General Funston announced today.

Detachments will be placed at ranches in the section to guard them against raids. It is probable, General Funston said, that the regiment of New Mexico National Guard now at Columbus would be used for that purpose. Details of the redistribution are in the hands of Colonel H. G. Sichel, commander of the Columbus district.

Reports reaching headquarters today from Colonel Sichel told of the finding of the bodies of the three American cowboys who were carried off by the Corner ranch raiders.

Although bandits are showing greater activity in the border section than for several months, there is no indication that the return movement of state troops will be halted.

### Salazar is at Ojitos.

Hachita, N. M., Feb. 16.—Jose Ynez Salazar with 500 men was still at the Ojitos ranch, forty-seven miles south of the border, early today, according to word received by military officers here. Troops of the Twelfth United States cavalry will reach the border today to prevent another raid.

Two troops will be stationed at Alamo Hueco Ranch, in the Corner ranch district, and the remaining two troops will be stationed at Culberson's ranch, near the border. They will await orders from Colonel H. G. Sichel, commanding the New Mexico patrol district, although it was understood here today that no troops would cross the Mexican border.

### Murguia Starts After Salazar.

Juarez, Feb. 16.—The troop trains which carried General Jose Carlos Murguia's "death troops" to Gifzeman, seventy-eight miles south of here, returned last night as General Murguia took the field there at the head of a column of 500 cavalry to pursue Salazar.

### Speed is Great Asset.

Bandit Proves to Victim As Ed Kirkpatrick of Clare, Ia., was passing a dark place near Thirteenth and Capitol avenue Thursday evening a white man grabbed him, he told the police, ran his hand in Kirkpatrick's pocket and robbed him of \$25. The robber made his escape before Kirkpatrick was fully aware of what had happened.

## AUSTRIA BREAKS RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES

Copenhagen Dispatch Says Vienna Refuses to Negotiate Further with Ambassador Penfield.

### DISPATCH VIA BERLIN

Paris Message Says All Americans in Austrian Empire Are Warned to Leave.

### NO INSTRUCTIONS SENT

#### BULLETIN.

London, Feb. 16.—The negotiations between Frederic C. Penfield, the American ambassador at Vienna, and the Austro-Hungarian government have been broken off, according to the Berliner Tageblatt, as quoted in an Exchange Telegraph company dispatch from Copenhagen today.

Paris, Feb. 16.—Americans in Austria have been warned from Washington to leave that country.

Washington, Feb. 16.—State department officials discussing the report from Paris that Americans had been warned from Washington to leave Austria said no instructions to this effect had been sent to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna. They considered it probable that Ambassador Penfield might have taken such action on his own initiative.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—(Via London, Feb. 16.)—The increasing possibility of war between the United States and Germany has increased the tension between Vienna and Washington, according to the Vienna correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt. The correspondent telegraphs:

"Ambassador Tarnowski has not yet been able to present his credentials to the White House, and the diplomatic situation between Austria-Hungary and the United States is at present at a standstill.

"The determination of the United States government to permit the arming of merchantmen is looked on as a menacing element in the situation. This would deprive U-boat commanders of the only remaining possibility of permitting American ships, which they recognize at present as being unarmed, to disembark crews and passengers. The resolution of the American government wipes out the last remaining difference between armed English merchantmen—which for some time past have been sailing under the American flag—and bona fide American ships. It is most natural that in the face of such a situation the possibility of war between Germany and the United States has increased, for which reason the future relations of the United States and the dual monarchy are now being viewed with increasing skepticism."

## Society May Build Quarter of Million Home in This City

A \$250,000 home for the Knights and Ladies of Security, may be built in Omaha, says A. B. Patton, district manager for the society. The organization, as announced by President J. M. Kirkpatrick at Topeka, Kan., recently, has not decided upon the location of the home. It will provide quarters for the aged, infirm and orphans and will include among other features, a modern hospital and model farm.

"Omaha has a just claim to the home," argues Mr. Patton. "We have 1,300 members here and we are going to initiate 150 more on Thursday evening, February 22, in Myrtle hall at Fifteenth and Douglas streets."

The society will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding at the same time.

### First American Liner Enters Liverpool.

Liverpool, Feb. 16.—The Philadelphia, the first American liner to leave Europe since Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare, sailed from here late Wednesday afternoon. It carried ninety-five passengers of all classes, of whom thirty-eight were Americans.

The Philadelphia was unarmed. In addition to its passengers, it carried a general cargo of what is known as express freight and two tons of dispatches from the American embassy in London for the State department at Washington.

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## The Weather

For Nebraska—Unsettled, colder.

Hour	Temp.	Wind	Dir.
5 a. m.	32	W	30
6 a. m.	30	W	30
7 a. m.	28	W	30
8 a. m.	26	W	30
9 a. m.	24	W	30
10 a. m.	22	W	30
11 a. m.	20	W	30
12 m.	18	W	30
1 p. m.	16	W	30
2 p. m.	14	W	30
3 p. m.	12	W	30
4 p. m.	10	W	30
5 p. m.	8	W	30
6 p. m.	6	W	30
7 p. m.	4	W	30
8 p. m.	2	W	30
9 p. m.	0	W	30

### Comparative Local Records.

1917	1916	1915	1914
Highest yesterday	59	45	45
Lowest yesterday	29	24	10
Mean temperature	44	40	26
Precipitation	0	0	0

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1, and compared with the last two years: Normal temperature... 24 Excess for the day... 20 Total excess since March 1... 176 Deficiency for the day... 2 Total rainfall since March 1... 17.43 inches Deficiency since March 1... 12.99 inches Deficiency for year period, 1916... 5.84 inches Deficiency for year period, 1914... 1.57 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State Temp. High Rain- ft. Weather. T. p. m. est. fall.

Cherokee, cloudy... 42 42 0.00  
Denver, cloudy... 42 42 0.00  
Denver, cloudy... 42 42 0.00  
Dodge City, clear... 30 44 0.00  
Lander, part cloudy... 26 44 0.00  
North Platte, cloudy... 26 28 0.00  
Omaha, cloudy... 40 40 0.00  
Pueblo, part cloudy... 50 56 0.00  
Rapid City, clear... 28 38 0.00  
Salt Lake City, snow... 32 44 0.00  
Santa Fe, clear... 28 34 0.00  
Sheldon, snow... 30 32 0.00  
Sioux City, cloudy... 42 42 0.00  
Valentine, cloudy... 42 42 0.00

\* Indicates trace of precipitation.  
L. A. WELSH Meteorologist.