

Nebraska UP TO MR. MATTES TO SHUDDER NOW THINGS DO MOVE

Prospect Governor Neville Really Will Resign Causes Democratic Politicians to Sit Up and Do Some Figuring.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—It is now up to C-Senator John Mattes, president of the senate, to do a little "shuddering" people at the state house are beginning to look upon the matter of a successor to Governor Neville with considerable anxiety, for if the shuddering of Lieutenant Governor Howard is accompanied with a like shuddering by Senator Mattes over the prospect of being promoted to governor, and both shudders should happen to come at the same time and when the two gentlemen should happen to be in the state house, the poor old shack of a building would surely crumble.

The story in The Bee this morning that Lieutenant Governor Howard was willing to resign in order that the Seventh regiment might go to the front interests politicians. The governor-prospective has made the charge that a "political parasite from the southwest corner of political hell" was responsible for the keeping of Governor Neville in the executive chair in order that the lieutenant governor, a Bryan man, should not ascend the throne.

Legal Advisors Need Not Act as Clerks for Selects

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The duties of attorneys in assisting draft men to make out questionnaires is bringing many inquiries to the governor's office and many of them have been put up to the provost marshal for answer. The bulletin issued this morning as a result indicates:

Where a registrant can read and write there is no good reason why he should not fill in the answers himself. Legal advisors are advisors only and it was not expected that they should act as clerks, only in cases where the applicant cannot read or write.

Postmasters who are returning questionnaires with the notation "somewhere in France" should forward to the registrant if he has his address or can obtain it in any way. If he cannot secure the address and he knows he is in the military service somewhere he should so state.

Two Pioneers of Edgar Are Called by Death

Edgar, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—D. C. Mills died at his home southwest of Edgar Wednesday morning at 4:30 o'clock of uremic poisoning, aged 72 years. Mr. Mills was one of the pioneers of this part of the country. He has suffered considerably in the last few years from kidney complications and his death has been expected for some time. The funeral was held this afternoon at the home. Mr. Mills was a veteran of the civil war.

Berry Hobbs died Wednesday morning of heart disease. He had been in his usual health and had gone out a little west of the house to mow some wood. His daughter, Miss Anna, went out to see how he was getting along and found him dead. He was 80 years old and a veteran of the civil war.

J. J. Boucher Speaks on Thrift Stamps at West Point

West Point, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—J. J. Boucher, of Omaha, representing the war savings committee for Nebraska, spoke at the meeting at the Auditorium. Mr. Boucher urged the purchase of these thrift stamps by all classes as one way to lessen the demand for commodities and allowing the government the right of way in the markets for equipping the army. These stamps were urged as Christmas presents in lieu of other gifts.

Short Loan Record As Shown by Reports

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Between Nov. 22, 1916, and December 5, 1917, six loan companies in Omaha operating under what is commonly known as the "loan shark" law, made short time loans amounting to \$418,696.59, while three companies in Lincoln in the same period made loans of \$101,424.43, a total of \$520,121.04.

SHIP PROGRAM CANGO FORWARD, SAYS HURLEY

Washington, Dec. 21.—The navy's utilization of much of the country's shipbuilding facilities was cited by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, before the senate investigating committee today as one reason for the slow progress of merchant ship construction.

Mr. Hurley, in response to questions, said he is now entirely responsible for the building program and that if ships are not built, he alone is to blame. No additional legislation, he said, is needed. The chairman of the shipping board has obtained through reorganization of the fleet corporation, he said, all the authority he needs.

DON'T BE SLACKER SENATOR, IS ADVICE OF FATHER JOHN

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—"Don't be a slacker, Mr. Senator," says Father John of Fullerton, noted for his parish work and his celebrated lecture on "Patriotism" delivered before scores of chautauqua audiences.

To Lieutenant Governor Edgar Howard, Father John writes an open letter not calculated to provoke jubilation on the part of Gilbert M. Hitchcock. The letter is included in an editorial written by the "governor in waiting" in today's issue of his newspaper, the Telegram. The whole editorial appears under the caption "The Lilliputian Spirit" as follows:

"What does Nebraska think of the peanut political game which has prevented the men of the Seventh Nebraska regiment from serving their country in this time of war? From a list of many severe letters of protest against the part of Gilbert M. Hitchcock, the letter is included in an editorial written by the 'governor in waiting' in today's issue of his newspaper, the Telegram. The whole editorial appears under the caption 'The Lilliputian Spirit' as follows:

"The ways of politics, like those of Bret Harte's heathen Chinee, are peculiar, therefore all well meaning men have at all times contended that for the successful prosecution of this war politics and war should stand divorced. War and petty politics whose sole distinctive brand is utter selfishness, never did co-operate mutually for the highest good.

"For illustration we need not seek further than the 'Unlucky Seventh' of Nebraska. A whole regiment of 1,000 men, eager in spirit to lay down their lives if necessary for the great cause of humanity, are bounced and camouflaged in the interests of home politics simply because the political powers

that be in Washington from Nebraska have decided so. When people today fired with the spirit of enthusiasm, are sacrificing all for Americans ideals, one is sorely tempted to question the loyalty and love of some of our lawmakers.

"The voice of the constituents rises in protest condemning the lilliputian spirit of our worthy democratic senator, likewise reminding him that in these days of political antipathy, selfishness and short sightedness have no place. Men nowadays abhor the Lilliputian spirit, because it ordinarily dwells in a pinhole whose magnificent arch of sky and view is only the size of a pinhole, a drop of rain is a deluge, a grain of sand a mighty boulder, and a mosquito a mastodon.

"The senator's cohorts, viewing Nebraska from their national pinhole, coupled with a frightful case of myopia, which away from the oculist's we call short sightedness, think that all the plagues of Egypt will befall Nebraska if the 'other fellow' should gain the day. Don't be a slacker, Mr. Senator.

"FATHER JOHN."
Fullerton, Neb., Dec. 17, 1917.
"Was the above letter written by an agitator?"
"The rather it was written by a quiet gentleman."
"Was it written by an uninformed person?"
"The rather it was written by a man of brilliant educational qualifications."

"The names of 'Father John' as he is affectionately hailed by his home people in Nebraska and also by his associates in the pulpit and on the speaking platforms of America, is a good name to put forth as spokesman for the manhood of Nebraska in the presence of a great shame."

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JUDGE MORNING WILL NOT REOPEN SIMMONS CASE

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The divorce granted Dr. George H. Simmons, editor of the American Medical Journal 25 years ago was lawful, according to Judge W. M. Morning of the Lancaster county district.

The case is one where his former wife, Margaret E. Simmons was seeking to have the decree set aside on the ground that because of her condition brought on by the excessive use of morphine evidence in the case had been given at the time of which she was not responsible. The judge made his findings without argument on the part of the attorneys and was given because he believed reopening the case was inspired by men whom Dr. Simmons had antagonized by editorials in the medical journal of which he is editor.

Dr. C. L. Loffer of Minneapolis was scored by the court because of his activities in working up the case for Mrs. Simmons.

Stella Poultry Raiser Uses Motor Transports

Stella, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Errett Crouch and Miss Anna Franklin were married at the Franklin farm southeast of Shubert Wednesday night.

For the first time in the history of Stella, poultry was transported from here this week by motor truck loads, when M. C. Mart, produce dealer, consigned two truck loads to a big poultry house in Falls City, the county seat, 20 miles distant.

Fined for Shipping Aged Eggs

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Olson & Company of Concord, Dixon county, who shipped five cases of aged eggs to an Omaha commission house, paid a fine of \$10 and costs after admitting that the eggs were decomposed and otherwise fit for food, according to a report to the state food commissioner this morning.

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FORMER FREMONT GIRL GOES TO FRANCE

Miss Schaefer, Native of Alsace, Will Serve as Telephone Operator With Troops in War Zone.

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Georgette Schaefer, Omaha girl, who has been accepted for service with the government in France, for several years resided in Fremont with her mother. Miss Schaefer was employed as operator at the local office of the Nebraska Bell Telephone company. Miss Schaefer with her mother left Fremont for Omaha two years ago. She is a native of Alsace and will go "over there." To do her bit as a telephone operator with the American army. Two sisters reside in Fremont.

Corey to Address Firemen.

Merton L. Corey, attorney for the federal land bank at Omaha, will be one of the speakers before the Nebraska Volunteers' Firemen's convention to be held in Fremont, January 15, 16 and 17. Patriotism will be an important theme of the convention sessions and Mr. Corey has been asked to talk on that subject. Reservations from out in the state delegations are coming in rapidly and indications point to a large attendance.

Joy Under Fire.

Emil Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Johnson, a member of an engineering company "somewhere in

France," writes his parents that he is doing duty under German fire and is hugely enjoying himself.

Drive Successful.

Returns from the solicitors for Red Cross memberships indicate the drive in Fremont and throughout Dodge county will be unusually successful, the first day's drive netted 338 members. The campaign will be continued till Monday evening. Booths are being operated at the theaters where girls take memberships. Of the 400 women in Fremont who were asked to solicit, only two refused to aid in the work.

A soliciting committee in Saunders county, while canvassing a certain locality, found the homes in one vicinity all closed and the lights out. It is believed that advance word of the coming visit of the solicitors was sent out with the result that the residents who are said to have pro-German leanings, arranged it so they would not be at home.

Support of Knights of Columbus.

The Estina church vicinity, in Saunders county, claims a record for donations to the Knights of Columbus war work fund. The parish has a membership of 12 families and the total subscriptions were \$720. Some of the non-Catholic families contributed to the fund.

Ex-Senator Tibbits On Appellant Board

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Former Senator George W. Tibbits of Hastings has been appointed a member of the South Platte appellant board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Fred Ashton of Grand Island, who has been commissioned lieutenant colonel of the Seventh regiment.


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