

EPITOME OF EVENTS

GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES FRESH FROM THE WIRE.

THE STORY IN A NUTSHELL

Embracing a Condensation of Events in Which Readers Generally Are More or Less Concerned.

Washington.

The president's message to congress will be only about 6,000 words. Special messages will go in from time to time as work proceeds. New bids for the transportation of United States mails from Atlantic to Pacific ports via the Panama canal will be asked for by the postoffice department. At a five hour session of the cabinet President Taft and his official advisors perfected a second one-topic message that will be sent to congress before the Christmas adjournment. "This session of congress largely will be given over to tariff bills," said Representative Oscar Underwood, chairman of the ways and means committee, and majority leader of the house. "If we can continue as we began last session I think there will be no doubt as to the verdict of the people at the polls." Explaining it has long been recognized as a crying injustice to higher ranking naval officers that they are compelled to spend a part of their pay for entertainment having no other purpose than to uphold the government's dignity. Secretary of Navy recommends that each commander-in-chief and officer acting singly should have a fixed sum to draw on for official entertainments. The annual report of Royal E. Cabell, commissioner of internal revenue, makes these declarations: All records were broken in the last fiscal year in the production of alcoholic liquors. The smoking of opium is a widespread vice in this country and opium "joints" exist in every city of considerable size. The double system of taxing oleomargarine is corrupting grocers, and gross frauds are being perpetrated on the butter buying public.

General.

Secretary Meyer urges the need of building new battleships. Japan, in sending troops to China, is purely within her treaty rights. The production of alcoholic liquors is found to be on the increase in the United States. A Denver jury acquitted Gertrude Gibson Patterson of the murder of her husband. Pleas of guilty were entered by the McNamara brothers, and the long Los Angeles trial is over. The confession caused a great sensation. Mrs. Elizabeth Gray, aged 87, widow of John Gray, a pioneer of Iowa and for many years a prominent miller of that state, is dead at the home of her son in Minneapolis. After serving the government continuously for sixty-three years Thomas Harrison, now clerk at the naval observatory, will be demoted at his own request. Guests at a hotel in Albert Lea, Minn., had a narrow escape from death when the house was destroyed by fire. One man was reported missing, but no body has been found in the debris. "If the republican party nominates Senator LaFollette and the democrats Woodrow Wilson I shall go to fighting with John D. Rockefeller on election day" said Senator Thomas P. Gore of Oklahoma in St. Paul. In New York York, Alice Tristram, 68 years old, said to be the daughter of a prominent clergyman in Dublin, Ireland, committed suicide in the golf club house at Van Cortlandt park by drinking poison while sitting alone at a table. In Los Angeles, with arms akimbo and face thrust up to the bench, Mrs. Anna F. Holman, said to be a sister of Oliver Hirschberg, a Pittsburgh millionaire, shouted at Judge Monroe of the superior court: "You're unfit to be a judge. Did you hear that?" Then screaming and scratching she was led away. With the declaration that no instances of vote buying were discovered but with words of censure for the use of large sums of money in his campaign the senate committee which investigated the election of United States Senator Isaac Stephenson, is expected to report shortly after the opening of congress. Government customs officials are planning a vigorous campaign against alleged illegal opium traffic between the United States and Canada, as a result of the trial recently of Sam Winnigrass and Ben Goldsmith, on charges of smuggling. The F. H. Peavey company of Minneapolis has discharged all of its \$2,000,000 indebtedness by means of collateral trust notes. James Whitcomb Riley said he had written his last poem. The paralytic stroke which has crept up on his arm has made it impossible for him to direct a pen.

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Bankers at New Orleans gave approval of the Aldrich currency plan. The prosecution will be held to narrower limits in the second Hyde trial. Wu Ting Fang has warned foreigners that the bombardment of Nanking may begin very shortly. The United States is ready to furnish troops to keep communication open in China. Italians claim to have killed over five thousand Turks in the oasis battle of Henni. Ad Wolgast was stricken with appendicitis on the eve of his flight with Welsh at Los Angeles. Champ Clark replied to Bryan by declaring harmony to be the chief present aim of democracy. The forthcoming message of the president will deal almost entirely with the question of trusts. Senator Miles Poindexter, of Washington will open the LaFollette campaign in North Dakota. The supreme court of Missouri sustained the constitutionality of the Kansas City billboard ordinance. Russia will demand the dismissal of Shuster, the American financial adviser in the employ of Persia. "Lord" George Sanger, the circus showman, was murdered by an employe on his farm at Finchley, London. At Prince Rupert, B. C. the government buildings were completely destroyed by fire. All papers were destroyed. A man with dynamite and the making of an infernal machine was killed by falling from a train near Gary, Ind. A plea for the free use by all nations of the completed Panama canal is made by John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American union, in a statement to be published. The armored cruiser Colorado of the Pacific fleet has carried off the honors among American battleships and armored cruisers for the various forms of target practice in the autumn of 1911. Mrs. Prudence H. Heatherington, aged ninety-three, who was a maid in waiting to Queen Victoria and served at the queen's coronation dinner, is dead at Amy, Mich. The "trust busting" crusade of the federal government has demonstrated, in the judgment of Attorney General Wickersham, that the powers of the bureau of corporations should be enlarged. A final decree of divorce was granted to Captain Peter C. Hains, the slayer of William E. Annis. Captain Hains brought action seven months ago, in which Annis was named as co-respondent. Richard Barry, the writer, won his fight against the Players' club when the appellate division of a New York court granted him a peremptory writ of mandamus demanding the club to restore him to membership. Robbers got about \$1,375 from the State bank at Meade, Okla. Three explosions were necessary to open the safe. The same bank was robbed February 24 last and \$1,277 secured. The robbers escaped each time. The Liggett & Myers Tobacco company of New Jersey was licensed to do business in Missouri, with offices in St. Louis. The company's total capitalization is \$36,880,200 of which \$20,158,717 is invested in this state. Members of the American colony in Mexico City to the number of 150 gave a banquet to President Madero at the American club in celebration of his election and inauguration. Ambassador Wilson made a brief speech which was responded to by the president. Opposition to a national parcels post on the ground that it will drive out the small retailers and establish the grip of the mail order houses in small communities was voiced by John A. Green of Cleveland, secretary of the national association of retail grocers. Five hundred persons sat down at the "Develop Alaska" dinner of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, the purpose of the gathering being to further the movement to obtain legislation from congress for the opening of Alaska to settlement and of its resources to development. Carl C. Chambers of Sperrmore, Okla., drove to Arnett, Okla., with Miss Clara Andrews of Sperrmore Sunday night and the pair were married. Mince pie was a feature of their wedding supper. While returning home to surprise their friends, the groom became ill of potmales poisoning and died next day.

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SURETY FROM TRUST

NEBRASKA BONDING COMPANIES TO BE PROSECUTED.

ACTION BY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Allegation that Saloon Keepers' Bonds Are Divided Up and that There Are Favored Ones.

Seven surety bond companies doing business in this state are to be prosecuted for violations of the Junkin anti-trust law as a result of the laying of certain evidence before Attorney General Martin. The matter was brought to the state official's attention by Judge D. M. Vinsonholder of Omaha, who presented documents for the prosecution of the litigation. These documents are alleged to show that in March, 1911, the American Surety company of New York, the Bankers Surety company of New York, the Bankers Surety company of Detroit, the Illinois Surety company of Chicago, the National Surety company of New York, the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance company of Boston, the Title Guaranty and Surety company of Pennsylvania and the Lion Bonding company of Omaha, have entered into an agreement with respect to exise bonds. The preamble of the agreement starts out with the declaration that the things to be accomplished by the combine, "would be advantageous to the public and to the state as well as to the companies." A division of business in the state as regards saloonkeepers bonds is provided for in the copy of the agreement laid before Auditor Barton, each company to have 14 2-7 per cent. of the aggregate business. A general committee which has power to appoint an executive committee is appointed from among the members, while all premiums go into a fund utilized for the purposes mentioned after a per cent. has been deducted for agents' expenses. All applications for membership in the association protection list go through a committee's hands, and must be O. K'd by one representative from each company. Every saloonkeeper who applies for a bond must show possession of \$3,500 worth of property or be able to put a clean cut \$5,000 bond. If an applicant is a member of the Nebraska Retail Liquor Dealers' association the bond costs but \$100; other saloonkeepers have to pay twice that much, and the list of the chosen ones is limited to 100 in Douglas county, where there are a total of 320 saloonkeepers. The men without the circle have to pay \$100 more for like privileges enjoyed by other saloonkeepers. The complaint with all the evidence was filed with Auditor Barton at the suggestion of Attorney General Martin. Immediate action has been promised by the department.

Will Get New Trial. Because the jury was given misleading instructions by the judge, Mrs. Maggie Davis, who was convicted of murder in Cedar county and who was sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary, was granted a new trial by the state supreme court.

A Costly Antelope. It cost Iven Brittell of Kimball \$180 to kill an antelope in Kimball county. Chief Game Warden Miller has been working on the case for one month. The antelope is alleged to have been killed three months ago. Brittell left Kimball and was recently found at Neligh. He plead guilty.

Declines to Register Lincoln Bonds. State Auditor Barton, acting on the advice of the attorney general, has refused to register \$350,000 of high school bonds voted by the school district of the city of Lincoln. Validity of the bonds will be determined in court.

Deposit of State Funds. Secretary Royle of the state banking board has sent a letter to state banks which is intended to make clear to such banks how they may be released from bonds for the safekeeping of public funds. The guaranty law provides that banks operating under that law need not give security for public funds.

Woman Gets the Position. Miss May Wiltamuth has been appointed by the railway commission stenographer and clerk for Chief Engineer Hurd of the physical valuation department at a salary of \$70 a month and the appointment has been approved by Governor Aldrich.

What the Society Finds. The Society for the Friendless finds many friends of humanity wherever its representative goes. The Society for the Friendless finds an ignorance of local conditions that makes apparent a dangerous apathy. The Society for the Friendless finds many youthful offenders. Young violators of law are to be found even in all the small places. Their youthfulness and their number is a surprise. It does not take one corrupt boy or girl long to corrupt a number of other and to lead them in wrong paths.

AS TO STATE FUNDS.

State Banks Are Released From Giving Bonds.

State Treasurer Walter A. George has decided to release state banks from bonds given to secure state funds which they have on deposit. This decision is based on the amended guaranty act as changed by the last legislature and on an opinion of Attorney General Grant G. Martin.

The guaranty law, as amended by the McGrew act passed by the last legislature, provides that no bank which has complied with the provisions of the guaranty act shall be required to give further security or bond for the purpose of becoming a depository for any public funds, but depository funds shall be secured in the same manner that private funds are secured, namely, by the terms of the guaranty act, which requires banks to set aside one-fourth of one per cent. of their deposits for the protection of depositors.

Under Mr. George's decision state banks only will be released from bond for state funds on deposit. National banks that have state funds, being unable to comply with the state banking act, must continue to give bond for state funds. The attorney general holds that the guaranty act does not change the old law regulating the manner in which public funds shall be deposited in banks except where the later act conflicts with the old law. Therefore the state treasurer is still prohibited from depositing with any one bank an amount exceeding 30 per cent. of such bank's capital stock.

The guaranty act raised a fund of \$165,000 as a result of the first assessment on banks and this is the guaranty fund that is security for \$75,000,000 of deposits in state banks not counting public funds on deposit. No accurate estimate has been made of the funds of state, county, city and school district that are in banks. By the terms of the guaranty law the depositors' fund can never exceed \$900,000.

It is believed that state banks which are state depositories will be able to get a rebate from bonding companies which they have patronized. For this reason the state treasurer's action is expected to meet with much opposition from bonding companies and from state national banks which cannot be released on their bonds for state deposits.

Some believe the individual depositor will not feel much elated because hereafter he will have to share pro rata with public funds in the event of the failure of a state bank that has public funds on deposit.

Don't Read the Papers.

A man who has paid little attention to the events of the past few weeks in the newspapers, wrote a letter to Governor Aldrich in which he asserted that it would be a good thing for the state if that official would think more of his duties and less of pleasures, and would get out a Thanksgiving proclamation instead of going to football games. The governor's Thanksgiving proclamation of considerable length, was made public November 6th and widely published in the weekly press.

State Vote Canvassed.

The state canvassing board met as provided by law, and went through the ornamality of canvassing the returns of the recent general election. The returns as tabulated by T. W. Smith from duplicate sheets sent in by county clerks, was found to be correct. The original abstract of the vote of Nemaha county gave Harman 1,006 votes, while the duplicate abstract gave him 1,036. The board telephoned to the county clerk and was informed that the duplicate was correct, so no change was made.

Aiken Given Chance.

"If the accused will pay what he can for the support of his three children I will take the case under advisement for the next ten years" said Governor Aldrich in the case of Robert E. Aiken, whose extradition to Kansas was asked for on the charge that he had been guilty of child abandonment. Aiken, who is an Omaha traveling salesman, through his attorney declared that he would make an effort to comply with the order of the governor.

Deaths on State's Roads.

A summary of persons injured and killed by railroads in this state has just been completed by the State Railway commission. The record includes all injured and killed up to June 30, 1911. The totals include thirty-three railway employes, five passengers, one postal clerk and forty-two others, a grand total of eighty-one. The injured number 720 employees, 129 passengers, thirty-one postal clerks and other employes, and 146 other persons. The total was 1,024 persons.

Seventh Day Adventists.

A joint meeting of the delegates from the central and northern unions of the Seventh Day Adventists' denomination will be held in College View, January 18. Three hundred or more delegates will be present from Nebraska, Wyoming, South and North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. During the session of the educational congress which will last for three weeks, officers for all of the Adventist colleges in these states will be appointed and the officers of the conferences elected.

A VAST CONSPIRACY

GOVERNMENT AID IN PUNISHING DYNAMITE PLOTTERS.

WHAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAYS

A Conspiracy Prevailing Over the Country that Demands Vigorous Investigation.

Los Angeles, Cal.—"The United States government and the California authorities are cooperating to uncover one of the most gigantic conspiracies ever conceived in the history of this country."

This was the declaration of Assistant District Attorney W. Joseph Ford, second in command to District Attorney John B. Fredericks, and the man who was arrested in Indianapolis for alleged illegal extradition of John J. McNamara.

"It is only a question now of whether the federal government or the state authorities can reach certain persons better and bring them to justice more effectively," continued Mr. Ford.

The latter has been in charge of the gathering of evidence for the prosecution and while his chief, District Attorney Fredericks, was resting on a ranch near Sunday, Ford occupied himself with the details of the McNamara case. He admitted that the prosecuted had under surveillance in other parts of the country some prominent labor leaders alleged to have been involved in the Times explosion, but said that arrests might first be made by the federal government in connection with its investigation.

"The federal government has shown every disposition to assist us and we are helping them as much as possible," he said.

The vigor with which the federal government is pressing its investigation into the conspiracy which is alleged to extend over the entire country, has been increased within the last fortnight, according to well informed persons here, and in proof of this, it is observed, that United States District Attorney A. L. McCormick now is in Washington and United States District Attorney Miller of Indianapolis and District Attorney Fredericks are in close communication.

Evidence desired by the federal government in Indianapolis from this place will go forward as quickly as it is asked for, Ford said. This question has been raised repeatedly and local authorities have not stated their position until lately. The ramifications of the matter are said to be so extensive that it would cause no surprise here if the subject had been brought to the attention of President Taft and Attorney General Wickersham.

Another Aviator Killed.

San Juan, Porto Rico.—Tod Schriver, an American aviator, was killed Saturday evening in an exhibition flight which he was making at Ponce. Schriver fell from a height of 200 feet into a cane field and died within half an hour on the way to the hospital. Thousands of spectators witnessed the accident.

Persians Appeal to America.

Teheran.—Ten thousand persons carrying banners with the inscription "death or independence," marched to the American legation Sunday and appealed to the minister to urge the government to support the American principle of fair play and love of justice.

Rear Admiral Wilde Dead.

North Easton, Mass.—Death came suddenly at his home here Sunday to Rear Admiral George Francis Faxon Wilde, United States navy, retired. He suffered from heart disease. Rear Admiral Wilde was 67 years old.

Pleas for National Conscience.

Washington.—President Taft, in an address before the Junior Order of American Mechanics, pleaded for the development of a national conscience as sensitive as the conscience of the individual members of the community.

Germany to Increase Navy.

Berlin.—A news agency which is sometimes well informed states that an increase in the German navy has been decided upon. It says that the government is determined to spend \$90,000,000 in the augmentation of its fleet.

To Pen for Stealing Chickens.

Laporte, Ind.—Charles J. Rambo, who for months was regarded as a Beau Brummell by Laporte's best society, was taken to the state's prison for chicken stealing.

The Deficiency Grows.

Washington.—The deficiency of the federal government continues to grow. Up to date disbursements of the current fiscal year have exceeded the receipts by \$20,541,000. A month ago the deficit was \$20,181,000. November collections were \$56,880,000.

Fire in Nebraska Town.

Sioux City, Ia.—A fire at Decatur, Neb., forty miles south of here, wiped out the business portion of the town, causing a loss of \$75,000. Only two business houses escaped destruction.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

The Fremont's postoffice building, overhauled and enlarged at a cost of \$60,000 is now occupied.

Mrs. Eliza Swain and Mrs. Jane Crume, two Nebraska pioneers of Otoe county, died last week.

Work on the Y. M. C. A. building at David City, is about completed and the building will be dedicated some time in January.

Congressman Stephens, recently elected from the Third Nebraska district, has gone to Washington to take his seat in the lower house.

A farmer named Wagner, living near Arlington, Washington county, by mistake, took the wrong medicine, and was in great danger of losing his life until a physician could arrive.

While hunting crows in a field near his home, Harvey Erickson, 29 years old, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Erickson, living near Waverly, accidentally killed himself. In some manner the shotgun he was carrying was discharged.

At Alinsworth, Mrs. Angela Roach was granted \$5,000 damages against Day and Wolf, Long Pine saloonkeepers. She sued them for \$25,000, as being instrumental in bringing about the death of her husband, John F. Roach, who was run over by a Northwestern train last July.

As the result of a number of complaints which have been received in the office of United States Attorney Howell from young women in Omaha and vicinity who have been receiving off-color post cards from unknown persons, federal authorities are preparing to wage a bitter fight against both the senders and the persons or firms manufacturing the postals.

Farmers in the vicinity of Chadron and Farnam will do well to look carefully to the condition of their seed corn, according to announcements of the state school of agriculture. Germinating tests of corn at Chadron showed a percentage result of 40 to 60, while similar tests at Farnam resulted in germination in only 10 to 20 per cent. of the kernels. Only fifty ears were tested in the latter examination.

Secretary Royle of the state banking board returned from a meeting of the national association of supervisors of state banks. The gathering was held at New Orleans and thirty states were represented at the affair, according to the Nebraska secretary. Mr. Royle read a paper on bank examiners' reports and how they should be followed by letters from the supervisor or commissioner to banks involved in the various states.

Friends of Bellevue college are rejoicing over a recent addition of \$10,000 to the endowment fund. The donor is a prominent Nebraskan, who promises it on condition that the proposed \$300,000 fund be completed. A few days ago the sum of \$2,000 was added by local donors to the current funds. Recently the pastor of one of the Nebraska churches notified the college that he would be responsible for \$1,000 to be used in any way the trustees might order.

Judge Kennedy of Omaha, speaking of the work of the Friendless Society, says: "I believe in the work undertaken by the Society for the Friendless, because it is patriotic, humanitarian and Christian. It is a recognition of the principle that the strong ought to help the weak, and that such help should be extended in a spirit of personal friendliness. I apply the principle also that prevention is more important and more effective and more sane than cure, and than an accurate investigation and careful study of existing conditions and their causes is essential to any intelligent effort in devising preventive measures. And because I believe these things I am glad to do what I may to further this society."

Nina Hardy, a negress, pleaded guilty in district court at Fremont to the charge of stealing from a young farmer during a carnival at North Bend, and she was sentenced by Judge Thomas to from one to seven years in the penitentiary.

C. G. Stanislas of 414 Sixty-second street, Brooklyn, N. Y., sent a message to Deputy County Attorney Hager in which he says he is a brother of the late Theodore Stanislas. He asked if the report that Stanislas had committed suicide in the Lincoln city jail was correct. The deputy county attorney answered that the report was true and asked for directions as to the disposition of the body.

Mrs. Louisa Hesse of Ogden, Utah, has begun proceedings in the Johnson county district court to have the title of the Hesse lot in Tecumseh upon which stood the former home of E. E. Hesse and family made in her name. Hesse is charged with murdering his wife and stepdaughter, Lavern McMaster, and burying their bodies in an old well. He went to Ogden, where he was married to a Miss Harrington.

Harry Earl, the young negro who shot Charles Viall, proprietor of the Midland hotel in Fremont, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

Attorneys Martin & Boakes of Central City received word that the supreme court had sustained their appeal in the Silver Creek saloon cases, and overruled the action of the lower court in sustaining the granting of saloon licenses to Nicholas A. Shus, Edward Shank and Charles M. Sokol. This leaves Merrick county entirely dry.