

PROMINENT PEOPLE

HEADS MILWAUKEE SCHOOLS



Mrs. Meta Berger, Milwaukee's first woman president of the school board, while making jelly in her kitchen, told what she expected to accomplish in regard to Milwaukee's schools. Mrs. Berger is the wife of Victor L. Berger, the first Socialist elected to congress.

The new school head turned the gas low under the jelly, motioned the reporter to a chair, and, with one eye on the boiling kettle, outlined her plans.

"My aim as president of the board," she said, "will be, as it has been since my election to membership on the board six years ago, to work for the greatest good to the greatest number; to give the best and broadest chance for educational development to all the children of all the people. I want our boys and girls to have every chance. I believe that should be the only object of a school board. In order that the children

shall have this chance, I am open to conviction on all matters in connection with the schools and education."

Mrs. Berger before her marriage was a schoolteacher, and her father, Capt. Bernhard Schlichting, a Civil war veteran, was a school director 23 years ago, when Mr. Berger also was a schoolmaster.

PORTUGAL'S NEW PRESIDENT

Dr. Theophilo Braga, who was elected president of Portugal when Doctor Arriaga was forced to resign is a man of high reputation in the world of letters as well as of politics.

A few years ago Doctor Braga wrote this simple sketch of his life:

"At the age of three he lost his mother. He was tormented by a terrible stepmother until 1861, when he left his father's house and went to Coimbra, then the only university in Portugal, with a small sum which he had received for a volume of verses he published in 1859. At Coimbra his life was an obscure struggle, for lack of means of existence. He bore up in this struggle with unconquerable pride.

"In 1872 he presented himself as a candidate for the professorship of modern European literature at the higher Lisbon classes. What a terrible battle. All the conservative elements were opposed to him—Catholics, monarchists, metaphysicians, ultra-Romanticists and journalists in the government's pay; but the public acclaimed him and forced the ministry to appoint him.

"It is only by his fees as a professor that Braga lives, devoting his existence entirely to intellectual work. All the books he has published he has given free to the booksellers in order to conquer the boycott organized against him. Braga is considered an enemy by the conservative classes because he is a republican in politics, a free thinker and, as regards philosophy, introduced positivism into Portugal. That suffices to make him detested."



TOLD BY SWAGER SHERLEY



Representative Swager Sherley of Kentucky once attended a political barbecue, where the chief interest centered in the candidacy of two lawyers for the office of county judge.

Both of these gentlemen came from Virginia. One was a graduate of the university of that state, a man of great culture and personal charm; he had none too great modesty and allowed his speech and manner to betray his conscious superiority. He was not averse to having it distinctly understood that he was an "F. F. V." Speaking first, he took occasion to confess it.

When the other candidate came to talk he frankly acknowledged that his opponent was an "F. F. V." and that he felt rather humble in not being in that exalted class. He added, however, that once upon a time a governor of Virginia offered a prize of the finest blooded pig on his James river plantation to the most respectable member of the second family of Virginia, and, he continued, "My father got that pig."

"We all voted for the last-named candidate," said Mr. Sherley.

"OLD FROZEN FACE"

Andrew Peters, assistant secretary of the treasury, has the most completely immobile set of features in the entire administration. Having confessed to earning the title of "Old Frozen Face" while he was a highly useful member of the Massachusetts militia, Mr. Peters is now able to meet any emergency without a change of the slightest facial muscle.

Once upon a time he went fishing in the wilds of Canada and on his way back he occupied an upper berth. Before dawn an ambitious engineer running an engine to a train behind that in which Mr. Peters was sleeping, took it into his head to butt the Peters train out of the way. He shoved on full steam and crashed into the rear of the train ahead.

The Peters legs in pajamas swung out of the upper berth in a precise and unconfused manner. Next the Peters immobile face appeared at the curtain, looking to the rear, where trouble was. As Peters looked, the locomotive headlight of the train behind plowed through the end of the Peters sleeping car.

It cut its way slowly, grinding, roaring and steaming horribly to a point within ten feet of the Peters berth. Peters will tell you that he remembers the incident very clearly. He will also tell you that he was watching that headlight very carefully and was prepared to get to the door should it move even an inch farther. However, he didn't change a muscle, or show the slightest sign of perturbation.



STUNNED BY ACTION

ATTY. GENERAL DROPS BOMB IN INSURANCE BOARD.

PROPOSES NEW POLICY CLAUSE

Makes Motion That Well Known Forms Be Given the Official Disapproval of the Body.

Lincoln.—Two steps of far-reaching importance in Nebraska fire insurance annals were undertaken at a meeting of the state insurance board last week. The first, and more important, was the motion by Attorney General Reed that the well known Beeson policy forms be given the official disapproval of the board. The second step, suggested by the same officer, seeks the repeal of the electrical clause of fire insurance policies. The move was so revolutionary and so likely to compel big changes in state fire insurance rate-making that the board members decided to think it over for a time. Auditor Smith and Governor Morehead are the other members of the board. Both moves have been brewing for some time. There is said to have been general dissatisfaction over the state at the insistence of fire insurance companies that all policies contain the electrical clause. By some of the purchasers it was said to seriously dispute the liability of companies in cases where fires were started in buildings where the strictest conformity with the national electrical code was not had. The other step, the virtual repeal by the board of the Beeson form, has not been expected since the defeat of the anti-discrimination fire insurance bill last winter. That bill, together with the accompanying fight around it in the legislature brought to the attention of the people of the state the condition that prevails in insurance rate making. No matter how the lawmakers stood on the bill at that time they all admitted that the present system was not at all beneficial to insurance buyers as a whole.

Progress is Shown.

Progress of the "safety first" campaign waged by railroads and other public service corporations of the country may be seen in the report filed with the state railway commission by the Northwestern rail road. The report shows that during the year preceding the opening of the campaign a total of 107 people were killed and 8,639 were injured. The first year of the campaign only ninety were killed and 5,907 injured. Last year thirty-six were killed and 5,203 injured.

During the five years preceding the safety first campaign the total deaths by accident aggregated 426 more than they did during the five years the campaign has been carried on. In the same time the injuries have decreased by 13,109 because of the campaign.

How to Rejuvenate Orchards.

Hundreds of neglected orchards in the state can be made to bring forth fruit, and money tied up in them can be made to pay good interest, according to word given out by R. F. Howard and J. R. Cooper of the state farm, after an exhaustive investigation over Nebraska. Five things are recommended by these experts as necessary to do: First, relieve the trees of a considerable portion of their wood; second, lower the head in most cases; third, treat the cancerous growths; fourth, cultivate the ground; and fifth, spray the trees properly and consistently. The recommendations of these horticulturists are included in a bulletin which the school authorities now have ready for distribution.

Increase in Value of Cattle.

An increase of more than \$1,200,000 in the value of cattle in the state is recorded in the assessment figures gathered this year. For the year 1914 there were 2,100,000 head of cattle accredited to Nebraska owners. This year that total has crept up to 2,312,000. The reports include cattle owned here on April 1.

Roads Must Mow Weeds.

Railroads must now the weeds to the center of the public highway where their roads parallel the public road, according to an opinion rendered by Attorney General Reed in answer to a letter written to the state legal department by Frank Kelley, county attorney of Custer county.

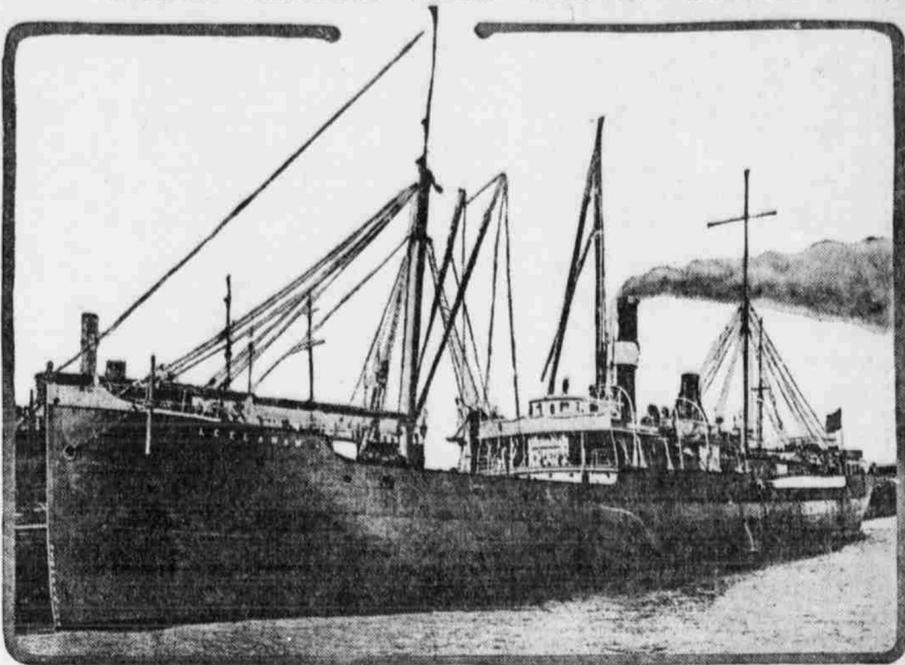
Famous Ostrich Coming to Fair.

"Desert Joe," the famous ostrich which trots on the race track against motorcycle, automobile or horse, will be seen at the Nebraska state fair this year.

Rock Island May Test Law.

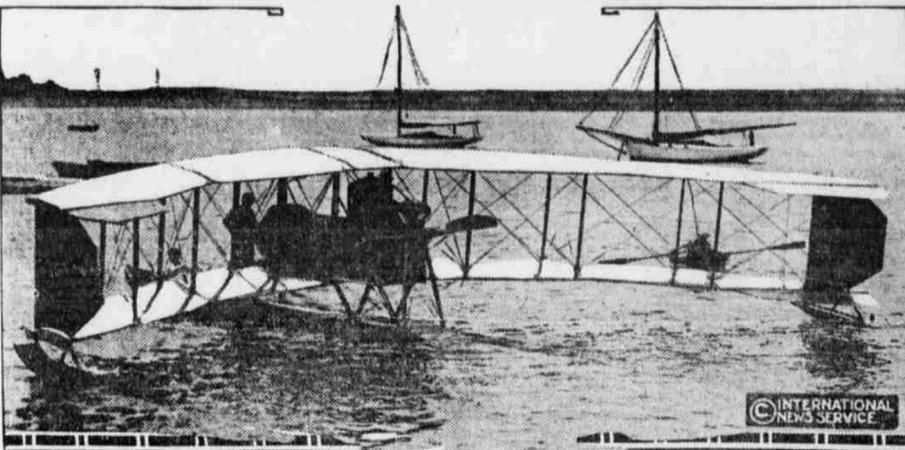
It is probable that the Rock Island Railroad company will make a test case of the provision of the law which Secretary of State Pool construes as requiring it to pay a corporation tax on the entire value notwithstanding only a part of the line is owned in Nebraska. Former Secretary of State Watt held that the company only had to pay on the Nebraska valuation, which amounted to \$500. Pool holds that the road must pay on the entire valuation, which will be \$2,500.

ANOTHER AMERICAN VESSEL SUNK BY GERMANS



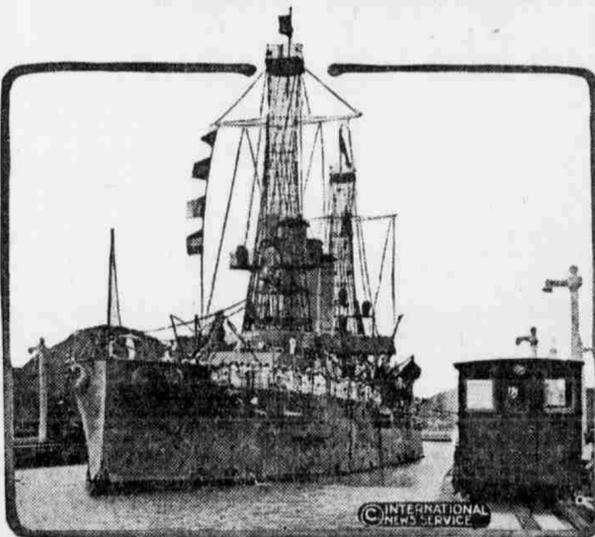
American steamship Leelanaw which was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Scotland because it had a cargo of flax for Belfast. The crew was saved.

VINCENT ASTOR'S NEW HYDRO-AEROPLANE



The first hydro-aeroplane made for Vincent Astor having been smashed in its trial flight, he ordered various changes, and the result is the machine here shown, the first of its type. The seats are not on the pontoon, but higher, in the center of the plane, and the wings are in the form of a broken V.

FIRST BATTLESHIP THROUGH CANAL



This photograph shows the battleship Missouri in the west chamber of the Pedro Miguel locks as the first battleships to pass through the Panama canal were going through. At the right is one of the electric towing mules.

KINDNESS ON THE BATTLEFIELD



War is not always as supposed by most people. Even the officers of the armies find other things on the field than mere fighting. Pity creeps forth even from the hardest of hearts. The photograph shows a German officer helping a wounded Russian soldier. The soldier had crawled for shelter into a large hole dug by an exploded shell. Here he lay patiently awaiting the end of the day's battle. A German officer passing noted the plight of the Russian and stopped to minister to his wants.

IRISH HERO AND FATHER



The return home on short leave of the popular Irish Guardsman hero Sergt. Michael O'Leary, V. C., who "practically captured an enemy's position by himself," killing eight Germans single-handed and taking two others prisoners, at Cunchy, did not pass unobserved. The king sent for him to Buckingham palace and pinned the cross on his breast, with the queen and princess warmly congratulating the sergeant. Cork gave O'Leary an ovation as he drove through the city with the lord mayor. We see him here at his cottage home at Inchigeelah near Macroom, County Cork, with his father, to whom Sergeant O'Leary is showing his cross.

May Give Bruin Bread Card.

The authorities of Elberfeld, Germany, are confronted with the most puzzling problem that they have had to solve since the bread card became an institution in Germany—and all because of a show bear that is so fussy about his food that he will eat nothing but bread.

The owner of the animal recently was haled before the lower court and fined and sentenced to prison because he had shared his weekly portion of bread with the bear. With two months' incarceration staring him in the face he appealed, alleging that the bear was his only means of support. A kind-hearted judge changed the sentence to a fine of 100 marks, and advised the owner to apply to the president of the government in which Elberfeld lies to issue bruin a bread card just like any regular human being.