

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

AUG. 21-25—Mo. Valley Photographers' Association Convention at Lincoln.
 Aug. 22 to 26—Great Western Race Meet at Omaha.
 Sept. 4 to 7—Nebraska State Fair at Lincoln.
 Sept. 12-16—Central Nebraska Fair at Grand Island.
 Sept. 13—Annual Convention State Federation of Labor at Fremont.
 Sept. 13 to 15—Old Settlers' reunion at Mitchell.
 Sept. 17-22—Women's Christian Temperance Union annual convention at Omaha.
 October 2 to 7—National Swine Show at Omaha.
 Oct. 3 to 6—State Federation of Women's Clubs convention at Hastings.
 October 11-12—State Meeting Grand Lodge Degree of Honor at Lincoln.
 October 17-20—I. O. O. F. State Convention at Lincoln.

Cash receipts on the Omaha market for the first seven months of this year are already 94,703 head in the lead of the receipts of the first seven months of last year. This means 3,158 cars in the lead. The total receipts of cattle thus far have been 658,764. The hog receipts for the seven months are already 211,370 in the lead of the receipts of the first seven months of last year. The total hog receipts to date are 2,062,958.

Boring for gas or oil which was started northeast of Union, Cass county, several months ago, has been abandoned. The well is several thousand feet deep and no indications of gas or oil have been found. The well cost \$9,000 and the Plattsmouth and Union men financing it declined to spend any more money. At Nebraska City some years ago a similar attempt to find oil or gas failed.

A damage suit against Sarpy county for the death of Harold Larson of Lincoln, who was killed when an automobile with six people in it plunged into the Missouri river near La Platte, will be started at once. It is alleged Sarpy county failed to provide protection for the road, which ended abruptly at the river. Four others lost their lives.

A new record in high hog prices for August was made at the South Omaha stock market, when a bunch of light-weight finished hogs was sold by J. A. Reece of York for \$10 a hundred pounds. The price also equaled the top price for the present year.

Nine-year-old Otto Griess was killed instantly and Charles Bauer, 27 years old, died as a result of an automobile accident a mile east of Sutton. Gertrude Griess, 7 years old, and John Griess, father of the children, who was driving, may die.

When Mrs. Anna Towie, postmistress at South Bend, opened the office the other morning she discovered that \$100 had been stolen from a waste-paper basket she used in lieu of a safe. The thief had not disturbed the stamps.

A petition signed by 750 voters of Beatrice has been filed with the city commissioners asking that the present ordinance which prohibits Sunday amusements be so amended that it will permit Sunday moving picture shows.

Helen Chimes, champion Nebraska race horse, owned by the Schinostock brothers of West Point, has entered the big \$2,000 Hal McKinney purse 2.18 pacing event at the Great Western race meet at Omaha, August 22 to 26.

Fort Crook, near Omaha, has been chosen by the war department as the central recruiting station for the federalized militia on the border, and all "rookies" will be sent to the fort from Nebraska and the Dakotas for training before being sent south.

This year's chautauqua at Holdrege has closed with receipts amounting to \$2,843, an ample sum to flow the Commercial club and chautauqua management to come out without a loss.

Over fifty thousand people from all parts of the country attended the annual tractor meeting at Fremont last week.

Pioneers and old settlers of Burt county will hold their annual re-union at Tekamah, August 25.

Nebraska hunters, who were eagerly watching for a month's additional shooting of game birds in March, may be doomed to disappointment. Federal Game Warden R. P. Holland of Kansas intimated during a visit at Lincoln recently.

The Jefferson county live stock association is keeping permanent home for its annual meetings near Fairbury. The directors propose to buy a ten-acre tract and plant trees to beautify it. The tract will be secured at this time.

The safe in the Bradshaw postoffice was blown open a few nights ago by yeggmen who carried away about \$100 worth of stamps and \$4 in change. The damage to the safe is the largest item in the losses.

Grand Island people are mourning the loss of Mrs. Christian Joehneck, the only married woman in the colony which was established in 1857, who died a few days ago.

Thirty-five Nebraska babies are already entered in the better babies show at the state fair. August 21st is the closing date of entries.

For the purpose of creating interest in one of the most practical courses offered high school students, the Holdrege Commercial club is planning an elaborate banquet for members of the local School Gardeners' club, comprising sixty-one members, who successfully complete the prescribed course. Silver and gold medals will be awarded. Vegetable sales by seven members of the club total thus far \$60.42.

John M. Thurston, former United States senator, and one of Nebraska's most widely known citizens, died at his home in Omaha last week. One of Mr. Thurston's greatest achievements, and one which gave him national prominence, was his famous speech on Cuba in 1898 in the senate which, it is said, brought on the Spanish-American war. Senator Thurston was 69 years old.

It now costs Nebraska farmers 74 cents per bushel to produce 800 bushels of wheat on forty acres of ground, according to figures given out by W. J. Bobbitt, Adams county assessor and practical farmer. He estimates the actual cost of production from a fifteen-bushel yield is 95 cents per bushel but that a thirty-bushel yield reduces production costs to 53 cents. Low labor prices are figured.

Secretary Mellor of the State Fair board has engaged the following musical organizations to be present during the fair: George Green's band of Omaha, Nebraska State band of Lincoln, Ainsworth, Scott's Bluff, Superior and Verdon City bands. The Kitties from Canada and the LeBaron-Wheatley grand opera singers of Lincoln, also St. Paul oratorio chorus.

Joseph Naverkal, a young farmer residing near Clarkson, was killed while attempting to cross a small bridge with a threshing machine. The structure collapsed and Naverkal was thrown between the engine and separator and pinned there, his life being crushed out. The accident occurred near Clarkson.

At Fremont last week during the tractor meet, Henry Ford, the Detroit auto builder, declared that in the near future from one to four or five tractors will be found on every farm. They will be small tractors, each of which will perform about the same capacity of work as could be expected from a team of two or three horses.

The Oxford State Bank and the Burlington round house were partially demolished by a heavy windstorm which swept Oxford and adjacent territory last week. All wires between Holbrook and Oxford were blown down and a number of farm buildings were swept away by the storm. The damage is estimated at \$10,000.

Richardson county has 104 school districts, ninety-seven frame school buildings and seventeen brick, according to the report of County Superintendent Weber, just issued. The county has six parochial schools. The teachers numbered 172, nineteen male and 155 female. Total number of pupils enrolled reached nearly 4,500.

Improvements that cost about \$6,000 have just been completed at the plant of the Atlantic Canning company at Fremont. The 1916 campaign, which starts soon, will give employment to 200 people.

James Boyles, laborer, was instantly killed and an unknown man injured when a dump car at the Condon Construction Co.'s dump overturned at Louisville. Boyles was crushed to death.

Joe Stecher of Dodge threw Harold Christensen, Danish champion wrestling champion, at Fremont in straight falls. The time was 10 minutes and 20 seconds for the first and 4 minutes for the second fall.

The Nebraska Press association, during their business session at Scottsbluff last week, decided to hold the next annual meeting in Omaha. The vote was Omaha 36, Lincoln 7, York 2.

Business men of Albion have agreed to keep their stores closed on Sunday. They are to do so in recognition of the Christian sentiment now prevailing in the city.

Extensive preparations are being made at Hastings for the annual convention of the State Federation of Women's Clubs to be held in that city early in October.

Fire completely destroyed the Blake postoffice, located about twenty miles north of Burwell, with all its mail and other contents.

At a special election held last week Ogallala voted sewer bonds in the sum of \$5,000.

Two men drove up to the Farmers' State bank of Florence, a suburb of Omaha, last Saturday noon in an automobile, one of them went inside, "covered" the cashier with a revolver, took \$1,000 and made his escape with his companion.

Jesse C. McNish of Omaha has resigned the chairmanship of the republican state central committee. McNish was elected chairman of the state committee at a meeting held after the state convention at Lincoln July 25.

Considerable damage was done to buildings at Rushville and growing crops in the vicinity by a terrific wind and hail storm which swept through Sheridan county late last week.

David Jones, who taught manual training and music in the Seward schools for the past two years, has been elected to teach the same subject in the Kansas City high school.

Work on the new German Lutheran church at Pender has commenced. The new church will cost about \$6,000 and is expected to be ready for dedication this fall.

EXCEEDS HIGH MARK

APPROPRIATIONS BY CONGRESS PASS FORMER RECORDS.

PREPAREDNESS IS EXPENSIVE

\$640,000,000 to Be Used for Defense Unless Unexpected Happens—May Adjourn September 1st.

Washington.—With passage this week of the \$50,000,000 ship purchase bill and probable approval by the house of the senate's gigantic naval bill, the appropriations of the sixty-fourth congress will have exceeded the previous high record by at least a half a billion dollars.

While exact figures cannot be computed until the gavel has fallen on the last supply bill of the session, the aggregate appropriation by congress for all purposes probably will approximate \$1,700,000,000, as against \$1,114,000,000 for the sixty-third congress.

Besides regular supply bills which total as they now stand \$1,387,206,580, congress will have added when the shipping bill is approved more than \$90,000,000 for special purposes. There also have been contract authorizations amounting to about \$207,000,000, all of which would bring the grand aggregate to \$1,885,000,000 with the uncertain general deficiency appropriation bill still in the making to be added at the end of the session.

Special appropriations include \$20,000,000 for a government nitrate plant, \$6,000,000 for good roads, \$15,000,000 for rural credits and \$50,100,000 for the government shipping project. General supply bills that enter into the session's total are as follows: Postoffice, \$322,206,577; navy, yet to be approved, \$315,826,845; army, \$267,597,000; pensions, \$158,060,000; sundry civil, \$128,396,445; rivers and harbors, \$42,886,085; legislative, executive and judicial, \$37,925,690; army and navy and other urgent deficiencies, \$31,012,075; agriculture, \$27,000,000; fortifications, \$25,748,950; District of Columbia, yet to be approved, about \$13,000,000; Indian affairs, \$10,567,644; diplomatic and consular, \$5,355,096; and military academy, \$1,225,043.

With President Wilson and a majority of the party leaders urgently supporting the senate's naval building and personnel increases, it is believed the house will agree to them after advocates of a small navy have made their last fight.

Appropriations for preparedness alone will aggregate approximately \$640,000,000 unless unexpected developments should force a reduction in the naval program. While the house this week is bringing defense legislation to a close, the senate will pass the ship bill, workmen's compensation bill and conference reports preparatory for the revenue bill of which a stubborn political assault will be waged by the republicans.

When the amended revenue bill gets through conference it is expected congress will be ready to adjourn. Leaders of both parties are hoping adjournment will come by September 1.

Announce Dates for Hearings.

Washington.—Dates and places were announced here for the first thirteen hearings to be held by the farm loan board for compiling information on which it will divide the country into twelve farm loan districts under the new rural credits law. The itinerary, so far as worked out, with the dates of hearings, follows: Augusta, Me., August 21; Concord, N. H., August 22; Hartford, Conn., August 23; Springfield, Mass., August 23; Utica, N. Y., August 24; Lansing, Mich., August 25; Madison, Wis., August 26; Des Moines, Ia., August 28; Sioux Falls, S. D., August 30; St. Paul, Minn., August 31; Fargo, N. D., September 1; Helena, Mont., September 2, and Spokane, Wash., September 4.

From Spokane the board will go to Oregon and California and return across the central part of the continent. Later a trip will be taken through the south. The hearings will be public and farmers and farmers' organizations will be invited to appear before the board and submit information which they think will assist the board in solving the important problem of determining the boundaries of the districts and locating the federal land banks.

Blow Out Kills Three.

Wilmington, Del.—An explosion which blew out a cylinder on a rehydrating press at the Dupont Powder Co.'s plant at Carney's Point, N. J., killed three workers and injured two July 25.

To Launch Submersibles Aug. 31.

Long Beach, Cal.—Launching of United States submarines L-6 and L-7 has been set for August 31 by the California Shipbuilding Co. The vessels have been under construction nearly two years. It is not known who will christen the submarines.

Huge Mill Destroyed.

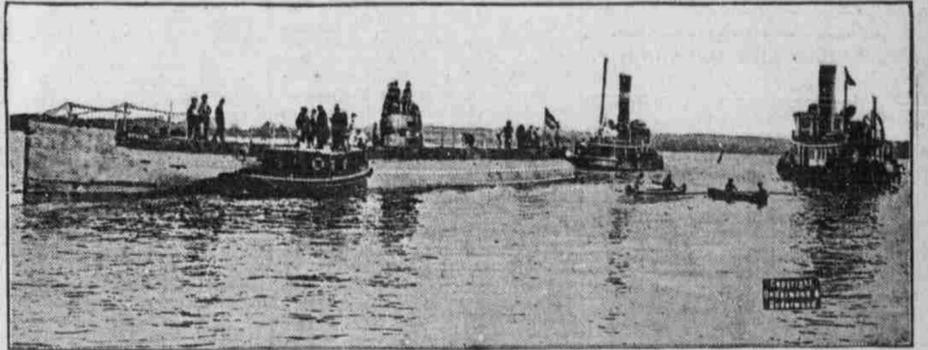
Santa Fe, N. M.—The mill of the Orak Mining and Milling Co. at Kelly, N. M., one of the largest in the southwest, was destroyed by fire, the loss being \$175,000.

AUSTRIANS CAPTURED BY THE RUSSIANS



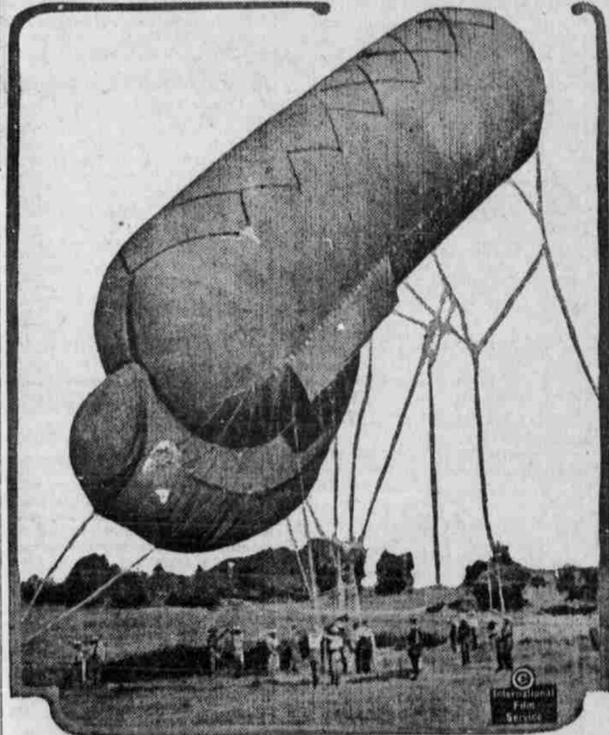
Photograph just arrived in this country showing an endless line of Austrian prisoners captured by the Russians in their latest great drive. The prisoners under escort are being taken to the interior of Russia to a prison camp. The line of captured Austrians extends as far as the eye can see.

SUBMARINE DEUTSCHLAND STARTS FOR HOME



German merchant submarine Deutschland just as she started from Baltimore on her dash to sea. The Deutschland is bound for Bremen with her cargo of rubber, nickel and gold. She will have to evade the hostile cruisers that have been waiting for her to leave American waters.

KITE BALLOON AT SALONIKI STARTING



Kite balloon belonging to the allies about to start on an inspection flight over the lines of the enemy.

HEAD OF RUSSIAN STAFF



General Belieff, head of the Russian general staff, photographed in France, where he was sent by the czar to inspect and review Russian troops now fighting on the Champagne front.

HOW FATAL BOMB WAS MADE



Newton Potter, who, it is believed, made the bomb that killed seven and injured 40 spectators of San Francisco's preparedness parade, is here seen showing how the bomb was welded.

It All Depends.

"Kissing," said the coy maid, "should be strictly confidential."
 "But," observed the strenuous young man, "think what we would have missed if the discoverer of kissing had never made it public."

TRYING TO PREVENT RAILWAY STRIKE



These are the members of the federal board of mediation and conciliation who have undertaken the attempt to arrange the differences between the railway managers and the brotherhoods so there shall be no strike. Left to right, they are Martin A. Knapp, W. L. Chambers and G. W. Hanger.