TOLL QUESTION UP

OPPONENTS OF APPEAL GAIN THROUGH DELAYS—HARD FIGHT WAGED.

WILSON MEN ARE CONFIDENT

Insist that Exemption Clause in the Panama Canal Act Will Be Nullified Despite Stubborn Battle Being Waged by Enemy.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington, D. C.—Believing that the foreign policy of the administration depends upon the vote on the repeal of the Panama tolls exemption, President Wilson and his advisers were in consultation Sunday, canvassing the situation.

It is unusual for the president to be at his office on Sunday, but he spent most of the afternoon there with Postmaster General Burleson and Secretary Tumulty. They talked with administration leaders in congress and learned that while there was little reason to doubt the ultimate triumph of the repeal, a stubborn opposition had arisen, particularly in the house. One of the peculiar phases of the situation is that Speaker Clark, Majority Leader Underwood, Representative Kitchen, Representative Fitzgerald and others usually with the administration in its policies now are opposing it. With this opposition are many Republicans and progressives, and the probability of a close vote is daily increasing. It is generally admitted among the president's friends that he is confronted with the most serious opposition he has yet encountered, and they point out that the general effect on the nation's foreign relations in the event of the failure of the repeal surely would lead to considerable embarrassment in other diplomatic questions now pending.

Believing that their cause is gradually gaining ground in congress opponents of the proposed tolls repeal of the Panama canal act expressed satisfaction over repeated delays in getting the proposition correctly before congress. They are earnestly at work, as well as senators and representatives who are still wavering. As the fight against the repeal progresses those directing the opposition maintain that their propaganda is producing results and that some surprises are in store for the administration champions, while aware that the fight is the most stubborn and undying that has developed since the Democratic party came into power, insist that repeal of tolls exemption will triumph.

BRIGANDS TERRORIZING CHINA.

Several Bands Engage in Murder and Robbery and Bruning.

Peking, China.—Outrages by brigands in Central China are assuming alarming proportions. Several bands associated with the noted outlaw White Wolf are ravaging sections of the country, murdering and robbing the people and burning their property.

The latest exploit of the bandits was the massacre of 300 town folk who were resisting their entrance into an important market town close to Siang Yang Fu, province of Hupeh. Seven-tenths of the town was burned and the population ruined financially. On the occasion of the recent sacking of Kiangtzokwan, province of Honan, the local troops were commanded by a general formerly a noted brigand chief, who was given his army appointment during the recent revolution.

The measures of the government to deal with the situation are inadequate, and there is every prospect of development of brigandage to dimensions beyond its control.

The revolutionary element is still strong through the country. Arrests and executions are frequent. The entire northern army will shortly be employed in the suppression of the brigandage.

Longworth a Candidate.

Cincinnati.— Former Congressman Nicholas Longworth has announced himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for congress in the first Ohio district. Longworth was defeated for re-election in 1913 by Stanley Bowdle, Democrat, of this city, the latter having the scant majority of 101 votes.

Cannibals Eat Missionaries.

Sydney, N. S. W.—Natives in the north of Malekula island, off the New Hebrides group, have murdered and eaten six persons, teachers from the Walla island mission station.

Italian Vice Admiral Dead.

Rome.—Vice Admiral Faravelli, who was in command of the Italian warships at the bombarding of Tripoli in October, 1911, is dead.

Mother of 17 is Dead.

Omaha, Neb.—Mrs. Ella Hengen, widow of Joseph H. Hengen, one of the earliest of the Omaha pioneers, is dead, aged 77 years. Her death was due to the infirmities of old age. To Mr. and Mrs. Hengen 17 children were born, five of whom survive. Most of the others died while young.

Primary Law Upheld.

St. Paul, Minn.—The non-partisan primary law, passed by the 1913 legislature, was upheld in a decision filed by the Minnesota supreme court.

Rome.—The Right Rev. John J. Nolen, bishop of Hartford, was received in private audience by the pope. About 200 American pilgrims also were presented by Monsignor Charles A. O'Hern, vice rector of the American college in Rome.

Suicides on Birthday.

El Dorado, Kan.—E. H. Stevenson, 68 years old, a photographer, shot and killed his wife and probably fatally wounded himself. He told his wife several days before he would commit suicide on his birthday

THREE DIE IN FIRE

MAN PLUNGES FROM BURNING PLANT AND IS SERIOUSLY INJURED IN DETROIT, MICH.

$350,000 FIRE IN MILWAUKEE

Windsor Hotel and Western Newspaper Union Building Burned to Ground — Thrilling Rescues — Evening Wisconsin Is Wiped Out.

Detroit, Mich., March 21.—Fire which started on Thursday in the five-story building occupied by the Houghton-Detroit Elevator company on Woodbridge street, in the downtown district, is believed to have resulted in the death of three men who were working on the fifth floor. Four men were employed on that floor. One escaped through a skylight. He was badly burned and cut and could give no information concerning the fate of his companions. The elevator company's building was destroyed and the flames spread to an adjoining structure.

An unidentified body was taken from the building as soon as the fire died down and the firemen believed two more bodies would be found in the ruins. The missing men are Walter Libby, John Law and Frank Todd. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 21.—The Windsor hotel and the Western Newspaper Union building, which housed the Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin, one of the oldest newspapers in the state, were destroyed by fire on Thursday with a loss estimated at $350,000.

The thrilling rescue scenes were staged in the brilliant light of the burning buildings and scores of acts of heroism on the part of police and city firemen were witnessed by a large crowd that watched the fight to save the remainder of the big business block which contained the department store of the T. A. Chapman company.

The Western Newspaper Union's loss is estimated at $40,000 and that of the Milwaukee Painter and Roller company $20,000. The loss on the hotel building is placed at $40,000.

Other losses through smoke and water were sustained by the Standard Blank Book Manufacturing company, the Milwaukee Novelty Dye works and the warehouse of the T. A. Chapman Dry Goods company.

Sidney, Ohio, March 21.—Four large business buildings were burned to the ground and four others badly damaged by the worst fire that ever visited this city. The loss is estimated at $400,000 to $500,000.

Fort Worth, Tex., March 21.—Fire destroyed the Tarrant county's orphans' home on Thursday sixty inmates having barely time in which to escape. They were driven into the streets thinly clad with temperature at freezing. But the children did not mind this. Loss of their dollies, horns and other toys saddened them and all wept because of loss of cherished toys and nicknacks. After they were taken to the temporary headquarters funds were raised to purchase new toys. Mrs. L. J. Easley, the matron, at risk of her own life, saved a number of the younger children. The fire started in the basement and spread with such rapidity there was only time to save the children.

ULSTER FORCES MOBILIZE

Sir Edward Carson, Unionist Leader, Is Rushing to Scene—Bloodshed Is Feared.

Belfast, March 21.—An emergency force of picked men from the Ulster volunteers has been hastily summoned to headquarters on Friday. The motive for the sudden call has been kept secret, but rumors persist of military action on the part of the government and projected arrests.

London, March 21.—Grave events are impending in Ulster, according to Unionist newspapers, and a rumor is current that the government is preparing for the military occupation of the province. There are various indications that a crisis has been reached.

A vote of censure on the British government, which was moved in the house of commons on Friday by Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the opposition, was rejected, 345 to 252. Arthur J. Balfour, summoned by Bonar Law, made a hurried return from the Riveria and arrived in London in time to participate in the division.

There were reports also of the threatened arrest of Sir Edward Carson and other leaders of the Ulster Unionists, but it was officially declared that there was no truth in the statement that warrants had been signed for such arrests. Sir Edward Carson, however, made a hasty exit from the house before the debate was concluded to catch a train for Belfast.

Noted Autner Near Death.

Mobile, Ala., March 20.—T. C. de Leon, the noted author, lies desperately ill at the home of Mrs. T. D. McCoy as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. Attending physicians hold out no hope of his recovery.

Aerial Line for Panama Fair.

Oakland, Cal., March 20.—Weldon Cooke, an Oakland aviator, has applied to the Panama-Pacific exposition for a franchise to carry passengers by aeroplane between this city and the fair grounds in 1915.

Bishop Bristol Very Ill.

Chicago, March 20.—Bishop Frank M. Bristol of Omaha, who is ill with acute indigestion at the Grand Pacific hotel, was still in a critical condition. Mrs. Bristol, wife of the Methodist bishop, arrived here.

Left Bound in Burning Building.

Laconia, N. H., March 20.—Three men bound James Dublias with rope in his grocery, and set fire to the place, endangering the lives of 30 persons on the upper floor. Dublias was rescued.

SECRETARY M'ADOO AND TWO SONS

Secretary McAdoo's engagement to Miss Eleanor Wilson, daughter of the president, was recently announced. Secretary McAdoo is here shown with his two sons, Robert and William.

SENATE HITS BILL

WOMEN FAIL TO GET TWO-THIRDS VOTE NEEDED TO AMEND CONSTITUTION.

VOTE 35 YEAS, 34 NAYS

Amendment Proposed By Senator Shafroth Gives the States Right to Vote Direct—Senator Ollie James Opposes Move.

Washington, March 21.—Woman suffrage advocates lost their fight Thursday in the United States senate for a resolution proposing an amendment to the federal Constitution giving women the ballot. The vote was 35 for the measure to 34 against it, a two-third affirmative vote being required for passage.

The amendment offered by Senator Vardaman of Mississippi, which provided in effect for the repeal of the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution, was defeated, 48 to 19. The amendment to the joint resolution offered by Senator Williams of Mississippi, which provided that only white women should enjoy the right of suffrage, was lost, 44 to 21.

Immediately after the vote was taken Senator Shafroth of Colorado announced that he would offer an amendment providing that whenever 5 per cent of the voters of any state petitioned for the question of woman suffrage to be submitted to the voters the question should be so submitted, in lieu of an amendment to the state constitution.

Following is the vote in detail on the resolution that failed of adoption:

Ashurst, Brady, Bristow, Burton, Chamberlain, Clapp, Clark (Wyo.), Gallinger, Gronna, Hollis, Hughes, Jones, Kenyon, La Follette, Lane, Lea (Tenn.), Myers, Nelson, Newlands, Norris, Owen, Perkins, Poindexter, Ransdell, Shafroth, Sheppard, Sherman, Smoot, Stephenson, Sterling, Sutherland, Thomas, Thompson, Townsend, Works—35.

Bankhead, Borah, Bradley, Brandegeo, Bryan, Catron, Dillingham, Du Pont, Gore, James, Johnson, Lee (Md) Lodge, McCumber, McLean, Martin, Martine, Oliver, Overman, Page, Pittman, Pomerene, Reed, Shields, Smith (Ga.), Smith (Md.), Smith (S. C.), Swanson, Thornton, Tillman, Vardaman, Weeka, Williams, West—34.

Senator Lewis of Illinois was absent.

The proposed Shafroth amendment embodied the plan which has been advocated by the National Association for Woman Suffrage through its congressional committee here.

Senator Ollie James of Kentucky asserted that his state had had one limited experience of woman suffrage in a local school election. He said on that occasion ten negro women voted for every white woman who went to the polls.

Senators from the suffrage states replied to these arguments by saying that the question was neither one of state's right nor of expediency, but of fundamental justice.

May Reunite the Goelets.

Newport, R. I., March 19.—Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goelet have not abandoned hope of reconciling the couple, despite the fact that the wife was granted a divorce on the grounds of cruelty. These efforts at a reconciliation have been going on for several months, and at one time it was reported that they would be successful.

Big Four Train Wrecked.

Marion, Ind., March 21.—Big Four passenger train No. 39, south-bound, was wrecked at Deer Creek Hill, south of here. Though railroad officials report no one injured, ambulances and physicians were summoned.

Literacy Test Is Kept.

Washington, March 21.—The Burnett immigration bill was reported favorably to the senate on Thursday. It retains the literacy test. Some officials believe President Wilson may veto it on that account.

Twenty Wounded in Peru.

Lima, Peru, March 19.—Twenty persons were seriously wounded here during a demonstration against Leguia, first vice-president of the republic, who returned here on March 16, to succeed the exiled President Billinghurst.

Ends Life Over Jap Navy Scandal.

Tokio, Japan, March 19.—Yoshida, said to have been the intermediary between officials of the Siemens & Shuckert company, a German electrical firm, and Japanese naval officials, committed suicide in Prison.

AVENGES HER HONOR

FRENCH CABINET MINISTER'S WIFE KILLS EDITOR OF FIGARO.

Slaying Followed Fierce Attack, by Writer, of Statesman in Columns of Paper.

Paris, March 18.—Gaston Calmette, editor of the Figaro and a noted journalist, paid the penalty of the unwritten French law which forbids that the honor of a woman shall be dragged into a public controversy. He was assassinated, his body riddled with bullets, by Mme. Henriette Caillaux, wife of Joseph Caillaux, minister of finance, who had been the object of bitter personal attacks published in Figaro and signed by Calmette. He died on Monday.

The Caillaux-Calmette feud had held the attention of Paris for a long time. The Figaro editor repeatedly accused the finance minister of political corruption. The feud reached its climax last week when the Figaro published the contents of love letters that Caillaux wrote to his present wife in 1901—before they were married and when she was the wife of Leo Claretie, the literary critic of the Figaro.

It was not to avenge the attack upon her husband but to vindicate her own honor that Madame Caillaux started out to shoot Calmette. With a pistol concealed in her muff she went to the Figaro office at the busiest time of the evening and sent up her card to Calmette's room.

Paul Bourget, the famous novelist and academician, was with the editor when her card was received. Calmette was astounded when he learned the identity of his caller.

"Do not see her," M. Bourget advised.

"She is a woman," Calmette replied. "I must receiver her."

Bourget thereupon wished his friend good-night and withdrew.

Immediately upon entering the room Mme. Caillaux raised her arm and fired five shots at a distance of six paces. Calmette fell without a word at the first shot and lay apparently lifeless. After the fifth shot the attendants seized the woman, who retained perfect self possession.

It was found that one bullet had lodged in the groin, one had passed through the ribs close to the heart. He died a few moments later.

IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS

Joliet, Ill., March 19.—Mathew Stariha, serving a life term in Joliet penitentiary after killing two men, took a holiday without leave while posses of prison guards, police and sheriffs' deputies scoured the country for miles around the prison to recapture him. Stariha was captured by a constable at Braceville.

Atlanta, Ga., March 19.—President Woodrow Wilson's administration was indorsed unanimously in resolutions adopted at the closing session of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' association.

Meta, Germany, March 19.—Another German military aviator was killed here. Lieut. Von Gard was crushed to death in making a landing here. The aeroplane turned sideways and crushed to earth from an altitude of 200 feet.

Woburn, Mass., March 19.—Seven persons were badly injured when an electric car containing 90 passengers jumped the track on a sharp curve at the foot of a steep hill here. The car plunged across the street into an embankment, but remained upright.

Peach Crop in Danger.

Nashville, Tenn., March 21.—Snow began falling here and reports indicate a light fall over a large portion of Tennessee. If cold weather continues the peach crop will be seriously damaged.

Judgment for $75,000.

New York, March 21.—A judgment for $75,000 was filed here against John G. A. Leishman, former ambassador to Germany, in favor of Raymond, Pynchon & Co., New York bankers and brokers.

Asked to Pay $43,615 in Thaw Fight.

Albany, N. Y., March 19.—A bill to appropriate $43,615 to pay attorneys in connection with the proceedings to bring about the return of Harry K. Thaw to Matteawan was introduced in the legislature.

"I'll Bury You," Says Tillman.

Washington, March 19. — Senator Tillman had read in the senate an article he had written on the restoration of his health. Some of the senators laughed. "I'll bury you fellows yet," Tillman said.

FOIL PLOT OF IDLE

KELLEY'S ARMY ALLEGED TO BE BACK OF REVOLUTION.

Report to Washington Shows Scheme Was to Capture Federal Arms at Rock Island, Ill.

Sacramento, Cal., March 19.—In a report to the war department in Washington Adjutant General Forbes of the National Guard of California has officially recognized an alleged plan of "General" Kelley's unemployed army to seize the federal arsenal at Rock Island, Ill., in order to equip an army of 500,000 men with arms and ammunition for a revolution.

General Forbes' report is based on one made to him by Lieut. Franklin Grimes of a Sacramento company of the state guard, who joined Kelley's army as a hobo several days ago while acting as a spy on behalf of his chief.

Lieutenant Grimes with a wealth of detail told how he had gained the confidence of the leaders of the unemployed, who divulged to him their plot for capturing the United States government. There was to be a gathering of many armies at Chicago, according to Grimes, the men reaching that city as best they might. The leaders, according to the militia spy, believed they could assemble 500,000 men at Chicago. Then, moving in force, they would attack and capture the arsenal.

Railroads out of Chicago would be commandeered, said the lieutenant, and the unemployed force, well armed, would be rushed toward Washington, where it would at once have the federal government at its mercy.

There would then spead a nation-wide rebellion of workingmen against employers of labor, which would depose all civil and military authorities, and install the army's leaders as supreme.

COAL TRUST ROAD IS SUED

U. S. Begins Suit Against Lehigh and Subsidiaries When Court Order Is Disobeyed.

New York, March 20.—Proceedings in equity were instituted on Wednesday against the Lehigh Valley railroad subsidiaries and 16 individuals in the United States district court of New York to compel the company to dispose of its anthracite coal land holdings and conform to the government's dissolution order issued more than a year ago.

United States District Attorney Marshall filed the suit, which charges the defendants with being parties to a conspiracy in restraint of trade and monopolization by attempting to harness the production, transportation and sale of anthracite coal other than their own.

It is claimed that the defendants have been and are attempting to monopolize the production, transportation and sale of coal from mines along their lines. This is being done, it is stated, by the railroad acquiring control of such mines and lands, by acquiring control of the output of independent producers and by exerting the power of the Lehigh railroad as a carrier to give undue preference and advantages to the coal-producing and trade companies controlled by it and discriminate against competitors.

FOUR ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Fire Destroys Hotel in Canadian Town—Big Canflagration on Baltimore Docks.

Brechen, Ontario, March 19.—Four persons lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Brechen hotel and for a time threatened to wipe out a big area of the town. The victims were Mrs. Thomas McCauley, her son, a daughter and the daughter's maid. More than twenty guests fled in their night clothing. The loss was $50,000.

Baltimore, Md., March 18.—What for a time threatened to become a disastrous waterfront conflagration was checked by the quick response from the city firemen when fire broke out in the forward hold of the Old Bay line steamer Alabama. The loss was several thousand dollars.

TRAIN ROBBED OF $14,000

Lone Bandit Stops Santa Fe Train Near Beaumont, Tex., and Escapes With Large Sum.

Beaumont, Tex., March 20.—A lone robber held up the express messenger on a Santa Fe railroad train near here on Wednesday and is reported to have secured $14,000. The robbery occurred on north-bound train No. 202, at Helbig, 14 miles north of here.

Deputy sheriffs and policemen from Beaumont started in pursuit of the robber, who was said to have disappeared in a thickly wooded country. The train left here at 12:15 p. m. The $14,000 was being sent by a Beaumont lumber company to Browndell, Tex., for pay roll use.

$2,400,000 to Remove Gotham Snow.

New York, March 21.—Some estimate of what the snowstorms cost the city of New York was had when the street cleaning commission announced that $2,400,000 had been spent and that another $100,000 would be expended.

Bryan is Fifty-Four Years Old.

Washington, March 21.—Secretary Bryan celebrated his fifty-fourth birthday anniversary on Thursday, receiving congratulations of colleagues and friends. President Wilson wrote Secretary Bryan a birthday letter.

Pan-American Congress Postponed.

Santiago, Chile, March 19.—The postponement is announced of the fifth Pan-American conference which was to have been held here in September. It will not take place before November.

One Killed in Wreck on B. & O.

Washington, Pa., March 19.—One trainman was killed when a freight engine on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad jumped the track and crashed into the West Washington station, near here.

NEWS OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

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Armour is to receive $7,500 from the Carnegie fund for a library. The site of the building is to be furnished by the city.

Surveys and photographs are being made of the land about "Punished Woman's Lake," to further a campaign for preservation by the state.

Chas. Anderson of Aberdeen was found dead in his room at the Keystone hotel with the gas jet turned on. He is survived by a brother at Clear Lake, Ia.

The annual conference of the Seven Day Adventists of South Dakota will be held in Huron some time this spring. The meeting generally brings about 800 guests.

The city commission of Sioux Falls has ordered over two miles of paving and several more are being planned. The paving program this year will be larger than ever before.

The high mark in land prices for the neighborhood of Bridgewater was reached when the old Jayne farm sold for an even $125 per acre. It was bought by Geo. W. Glanzer.

Don Rundlett of Langford has been arrested on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He is accused of having issued a number of worthless checks in and around Langford.

The high school agricultural department of Sioux Falls has offered to test seed corn for the farmers up to a limited amount. The work will be done under the supervision of Supt. W. I. Early.

The Commercial club of Pierre has decided to run an experimental farm on a 10-acre tract near the city limits. It is proposed to show more intensive farming to the people in that section of the state.

John King of Tabor risked his own life to save Ernie Matuska, a boy who was overcome by gas in an old gas tank. Mr. King entered the tank to rescue the boy and had to be saved with a rope.

The W. C. T. U. of South Dakota in starting a campaign for suffrage is making an appeal to the pastors for help. They claim that the saloon interests spent $42,000 to oppose the last suffrage campaign.

The Rockerville Telephone company of Pennington county has been incorporated by Benj. Rush, Dan R. Morris, R. M. Peabody, F. E. Chritiernson, Patrick Dillon and Ferdinand Kjeffen, with capital stock of $1,000.

Butte county has completed its organization of farmers, under the name of the Butte County Development association. This is the outcome of meetings held all winter. M. L. Perry was chosen president at the last meeting and O. H. Barnes secretary.

The contract has been awarded for the erection in Flandreau of a new postoffice building. It will be constructed of brick and will have all modern facilities for the prompt handling of mails. The work of construction will commence in the near future.

Now that the city council of Alexandria has called a special election to submit to the voters the question of issuing bonds for a municipal electric light system, sentiment in favor of the city owning the system is said to be growing. It is expected the bonds will be voted.

Good progress is being made in the work of sinking a test well in the territory near Ardmore where it is expected an extensive oil field will be developed. The casing is being sunk as fast as the test well is drilled, thus ensuring a good sized hole when the oil sands are encountered.

The report has been received that the Northwestern railway company is contemplating erecting a fine new depot building in Beresford. Such a building is badly needed to take care of the steadily increasing traffic. The annual business of the railway company there amounts to about $200,000.

As the result of a meeting held at Webster by a number of the poultry raisers of the county what will be known as the Day County Poultry association was organized. The following officers were elected: President, J. A. Fosse; secretary, E. A. Paulson. A constitution and by-laws will be adopted at another meeting to be held March 27.

E. W. Hall, who recently was engaged as an agricultural expert for Spink county by the Spink County Farm Improvement association, has assumed his new duties and his work among the farmers of the county is expected to result in scientific methods being adopted and the crop production of the county greatly increased.

C. P. and P. L. Hanson of Bridgewater sold the J. H. Hirschman land, 3½ miles east of Yankton, at auction. A small crowd was present but the bidding was fast. P. L. Hanson sold the land to Tom Frick of Yankton for the sum of $10,480 for about 70 acres of land. The Hansons have one of the best records in South Dakota for selling land at auction.

Thomas Bricherson of Lake Andes has been granted a patent on a potato bug exterminator of his invention. The machine bears some resemblance to a corn planter and it is said that actual demonstrations have proved that it does the work claimed for it. With the machine, the bugs on a 10-acre field of potatoes can be exterminated in a single day.

The land value around Yankton is still climbing, as can be seen by the fact that during the past week two farms near there, each sold at auction for over $150 per acre.

On complaint of Louis Pourier, a stockman near Martin, a warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Louis Larvie, charging him with the theft of a number of horses belonging to Pourier or which were under his care. Deputy Sheriff Youman traced the defendant to Merriman, Neb., where he was arrested. The prisoner waived extradition papers.

The Scottish Rite Masons of Aberdeen will hold their annual reunion on the 6th and 9th of April, inclusive. There is many degrees to give and the program is a full one.

THE ELK ARE HERE

DAKOTA BEGINS TO STOCK ITS FOREST RESERVE OF 5,000 ACRES.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

From the Capital City, the Various State Institutions and From Many Different Parts of the Sunshine State.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Pierre.—The first active move on the part of the state game department to stock the state forest reserve with large game has been made by State Warden Hedrick going to Victor, Idaho, to receive a shipment of 25 elk which have been assigned to this state from the government herds in the Yelstone park. The state is required to pay the cost of catching the animals and the expense of shipment. These elk will be landed in their new home within a few days, and when the pasture fance is completed will be within a 50,000-acre enclosure. Most of the fence is completed about the whole tract, and a large pasture is entirely enclosed, the elk being placed within this pasture until the fence about the whole tract is completed. It is expected that several antelope will be secured to add to the park before the end of this season, and deer already live within the park. Probably several buffaloes will also be secured before the close of the year, and a number of different kinds of game birds will be placed on the tract.

Indians Are Farming.

Pierre.—Major Campbell, superintendent of the Cheyenne River Indian reservation, and Chief Clerk Craig of that reservation were in this city, and they report that the Indians on that reservation are taking up actual farming operations to a greater extent this year than for any former year. That their farming is mostly confined to the raising of corn, alfalfa, potatoes and such vegetables as they may desire. The removal of the large herds of cattle from the leased pastures on that reserve will no doubt stimulate farming to a larger extent, even though the Indian takes more kindly to stock raising than to active agriculture. The leases expire the last of June, and by a vote of the Indians of the reservation they will not be renewed. The lease holders are arranging to remove their cows and young stock at the expiration of the leases, but they will be allowed to retain their beef stock on the reservation until shipping time this fall, as it would be a hardship to take them off just in midsummer. But this is the last year of the big herds on that reservation.

To Consider petitions.

Pierre.—The original passenger rate reduction act in this state gave the state railway commission, on proper showing, the power to exempt the little railway stubs in the Black Hills, with heavy grades and a light business from the workings of the act. On that statute the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy system, which operates a number of little stub lines out through the gulches in the Black Hills, has petitioned the railway commission for exemption from the reduced rate. A hearing has been set for the 28th of this month on the application, to be at the offices of the commission in this city.

The people of Hecla have petitioned the railway commission for better depot facilities than those which are given them by the Northwestern railway at the present time.

Five Hundred Tags a Day.

Pierre.—Up to date 9,466 automobiles have been licensed and tagged since 1914, with about 4,000 or 5,000 yet unlicensed. The applications are coming in about 500 a day this week, and it is expected most all the regular cars will be licensed within a short time, due to spring weather and greater use of cars. A total of 600 motorcycles have also been licensed so far.

Will Meet at Aberdeen.

Pierre.—State Superintendent of Instruction Lawrence has called a meeting of institute conductors of the state at Aberdeen for the 31st of March. On the same date the state committee on educational policies has been called to meet. He has called together the county superintendents of the state at the same place for April 1 and 2, making the three meetings practically one.

Nash's Resignation Accepted.

Aberdeen.—The board of regents of education held a meeting here, when the resignation of President George Williston Nash, head of the Northern Normal and Industrial school, was formally presented and accepted. In the absence of Regent Beebe, no action was taken regarding his successor.

Recruits for Fort Meade.

Sturgis.—Forty new recruits arrived here from Columbus barracks and were immediately taken to Fort Meade, near Sturgis, to fill the various troops of the Twelfth cavalry stationed there. More are to come.

Pierre Woman Passes Away.

Pierre.—Miss Ida P. Hatch, an old-time resident of this city, former county superintendent of schools and at the head of the Pierre city schools, died at her home here following an illness of a month.

Demonstration Farm.

Pierre.—The commercial club of this city will conduct an experimental 10-acre tract near this city this summer to show what can be done by different methods of cultivation, when applied to the soil in this part of the state, this being a part of the movement in that line started last year.

The A. D. Maxwell Hardware company at Arlington, capital $50,000; incorporators, A. D. Maxwell, Neill D. Maxwell, John A. Maxwell.