

2 MORE NEUTRAL SHIPS DESTROYED

DUTCH STEAMER IS BLOWN UP AND ONE OF HER CREW KILLED.

VIGNUELLES HANGARS RAIDED

Thirty-Three Bombs Dropped on German Barracks—Russians Resume Offensive From the Baltic to Roumanian Border.

London, England.—Two more neutral vessels have been sunk by German submarines, making seven lost since the Kaiser inaugurated his undersea war February 18.

The Dutch steamer Schieland was blown up in the North Sea, 24 miles from Spurn, on the east coast of England at the entrance to the Humber. One member of the crew was killed. The captain and the other men of the crew were rescued and taken to Hull.

The other ship destroyed was the Norwegian bark Nor. It was torpedoed in the North Sea by the submarine U-20.

In addition to the Schieland and the Nor, three Tyne trawlers, the Gloxnaul, Jason and Nellie, were sunk off Newcastle by the German submarine U-10.

Terrific Explosion Felt. The captain of the Schieland stated that a terrific explosion occurred when the Schieland was blown up, damaging the steamer amidships. Besides the man killed, who was a fireman, three others were injured. The crew took to the boats. The boat commanded by the captain returned to the ship and remained by her until she sank. This boat later was picked up by a passing steamer. The second boat tried to make shore, but being unsuccessful, finally was taken in tow by a passing craft.

Vignuelles Hangars Raided. Paris, France.—The following official communication was issued: "On the whole of the front there is nothing of importance to report.

"At 7 o'clock this morning, east of Soissons, a German aviator was shot down inside our lines. This is the 24th aviator to be brought down in 24 hours.

"Our flying squadron dropped 33 bombs on the barracks, aeroplane hangars and railway stations at Vignuelles, in Woivre."

Russians Resume Offensive. London, England.—The Russians now are on the offensive along the whole of their front, from the Baltic Sea to the Roumanian border and in the Caucasus, and, according to a Stockholm dispatch, they have concentrated an enormous number of soldiers on the coast of Finland to prevent any attempt by the Germans to land there.

Child's Pushmobile a Vehicle. New York.—A child's pushmobile is a vehicle within the meaning of the law and entitled to the right of way in the streets, according to a decision by the supreme court of this state. Justice Benedict refused to set aside a verdict for \$800 for injuries suffered by Leo Barr, 10 years old, who was injured in a collision with a grocery wagon.

"Movies" Aid Convicts' Escape. Bismarck, N. D.—Guards with blood hounds and a posse of citizens in automobiles, are searching the country about Bismarck for six convicts who escaped from the state prison here. The fugitives were attending the motion picture show in the prison auditorium and unobserved entered the library, sawed the bars and escaped.

88 Democrats Lose Jobs. Columbus, O.—In accordance with a letter of Gov. Willis, the state tax commission removed all officials in charge of the taxation machinery in the 88 counties of the state. Those removed all are Democrats, who were appointed under the administration of Gov. Cox.

Record Salmon for President. Bangor, Me.—Seven salmon were landed at the opening of the Penobscot River fishing season. The first fish taken weighed 16 pounds. It was purchased for \$2 a pound, a record price, and will be sent to President Wilson.

Peace Overtures Reported. London.—With the Russian armies threatening to burst through into the Hungarian plains, Austrian diplomats already have begun overtures looking to a separate peace with Russia, according to reports now in circulation in St. Petersburg.

Heirs Find \$25,000 in Tin Cans. Binghamton, N. Y.—Heirs of Jacob Oswald, who died at Masonville, near here, have discovered the eccentric old man left a fortune of nearly \$25,000 in old tin cans in the cellar of his home.

Banker Kills Self. Honolulu, Hawaii.—Mark P. Robinson, capitalist and vice president of the First National Bank of Hawaii, shot and killed himself here. In a note he indicated that his act was caused by insomnia.

Cleveland Closes Segregated District. Cleveland, O.—Cleveland's segregated district has been closed for the first time in the history of the city. Inmates were warned a month ago that they would be driven from the city. No disorder attended the passing of the district.

Texas County Remains Wet. San Angelo, Tex.—Tom Green county remained in the wet column by a small majority as a result of returns received from the election. A large vote was polled.

MIMIC AIR FIGHT RESULTS FATALLY



Unusual photograph of falling aeroplanes in which Frank Stites was killed at Universal City, Cal. At the time of the accident Stites was taking part in the making of a moving picture play film and had just dropped a bomb on an aeroplane that had been started across a canyon. The explosion of the bomb and destruction of the aeroplane just below created an air pocket and Stites' machine was dashed to the earth almost at the feet of some 2,000 spectators. The picture shows Stites' machine as it headed for the earth. Before it struck the ground it turned completely over. The photograph was taken by U. K. Whipple, staff photographer of the Animated Weekly.

CHINA IS FORCED TO YIELD

SUBTLE BLANDISHMENTS OF JAPANESE SUCCESSFUL.

Waives Question of Jurisdiction Over Mikado's Immigrants to South Manchuria.

Peking, China.—The negotiations between China and Japan looking to the acceptance by the republic of the demands presented by Tokio shortly after the Japanese occupation of Kiao-Chow, were again saved from disaster by the fact that the Chinese statesmen made further concessions to Japan.

The Chinese offered to waive entirely the question of Chinese jurisdiction over Japanese immigrants to South Manchuria, except in cases involving land ownership. M. Hlokl, the Japanese minister, undertook to submit this proposal to Tokio.

The question of the jurisdiction of the Hanyenpan Mining Co., was not reopened. Articles 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Group Five were presented without any offer of modification by Japan. These articles provide for the ownership of land by Japanese in the interior China; for the employment of Japanese policemen on certain designated Chinese police forces; that China purchase munitions of war from Japan and that China grant Japan certain railroad concessions in the eastern portion of the general part of the republic.

The Japanese advanced the argument that they wished to unify the system of arms now used throughout China which today is made up of a medley of innumerable patterns. They also say that China would benefit by an increased number of schools (as provided for in Article 2) and that they were only asking privileges which other nations enjoy.

WIFE TRADE OFFER REFUSED

Widow Testifies Accused Kansas Was Attentive to Her and Planned Husband's Death.

Topeka, Kansas.—Mrs. Maude McElheney, widow of George M. McElheney, former postmaster at Leavenworth, Kan., who was slain by a shot through the window of his home October 14, 1912, testifying for the prosecution at the preliminary hearing here of Roscoe Hornbaker, arrested in connection with the killing, admitted friendly relations with Hornbaker both before and after her husband's death.

Hornbaker is a mail carrier and met Mrs. McElheney when her husband became postmaster.

Mrs. McElheney testified that Hornbaker had several times proposed to her that he trade wives with McElheney. This she refused to do, she testified.

"I told him," Mrs. McElheney said, "that I drew a line there."

Kills Judge and Himself. Canadian, Tex.—District Judge F. P. Creever was shot and probably fatally wounded in the street at La Flores, near here. A. E. Himes, said to have shot Judge Creever, shot and killed himself shortly afterward.

Hangs Self on Cross. Brenham, Tex.—John Divoky, 44, God Friday, made a cross of railroad ties and, with face to the east, hanged himself upon it. He had been much depressed since his wife obtained a divorce recently.

Couple Die Seven Hours Apart. Stamford, Conn.—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woodhall died within seven hours of each other after having been born within a stone's throw of each other in England and having been married for over 60 years.

Crazed by Fear of Submarines. New York.—Crazed by fear of German submarines during the trip from Leghorn, Frederick Hoesel, an Englishman, jumped overboard from the ship Hapahannock when it docked. He was rescued and locked up.

BORROWS FROM GAMBLERS

TERRE HAUTE JUDGE ADMITS CHARGE.

One of Defendants in Election Cases Confesses "Undue Haste" in Seeking Commission.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Eli H. Redman, who was declared elected judge of the Vigo circuit court at the election last November by 10 votes and who is one of the 28 defendants in the Terre Haute election case in federal court, was severely grilled on cross-examination by District Attorney Dalley. Redman, on direct examination, denied all the government's charges.

Questioned about his attempt to obtain a commission as judge from Gov. Ralston, the day after the election, Redman admitted it was "undue haste." He denied that Frank B. Phippen, who was appointed by Redman a special judge to hear the contest suit brought by C. J. Pulliam, the Republican candidate against Redman, had ever been Redman's attorney. Dalley then produced a record from the Vigo court to which Phippen had affixed his name at attorney for Redman.

It was also brought out that Redman, when he borrowed money from Shea brothers and other saloon men and gambling house proprietors, knew their business and that they might be brought into his court if he were elected judge.

VATICAN CHANGES ATTITUDE

Quirinal and Holy See in Complete Rapprochement Concerning Coming Events.

Rome, Italy.—That a complete understanding has been reached between the Vatican and the Quirinal, and that the next few months will mark a complete change in Italy's policy toward the Holy See has been conveyed by official announcement that the Catholic clergy of the kingdom have been instructed to lend sincere and hearty co-operation to the civil authorities in preparing the people to face with courage and fortitude the hardships and sacrifices which a bloody and long war might impose on them in the near future.

At the same time this co-operation was taken to mean a first step toward a rapprochement between the church and the state, and a full approval of the part of Benedict XV, of Italy's attitude in the present war.

\$25,000 Fire at Ramsey, Ill. Ramsey, Ill.—Fire threatened the entire business section here. It started in the Charles Leigh meat market. The restaurant of J. A. Rogers and harness and saddlery store of H. Stroben were destroyed with their contents. The R. Lindhorst general store was damaged. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

British to Censor All Cablegrams. Washington.—Ambassador Page at London has been notified by the British government that under the terms of the warning given by it at the beginning of the war it will censor all cablegrams.

Toosed by Waves 40 Days. New York City.—With bunkers empty and her crew near exhaustion, the Italian steamer Francisco Giampiro arrived in port. For 40 days she had been fighting head seas and gales on her way here from Palermo.

10,000 Men Put to Work. Chicago.—Ten thousand men who have been idle since the first of the year, returned to work in the steel mills and factories of Chicago Heights a suburb. The plants have resumed operations after a three months' shut down.

\$272,000 for Adventists' Missions. Washington.—The Sabbath schools of the Seventh Day Adventist denomination in North America have contributed \$272,630 for foreign missionary work in the past year.

MIDDLE WEST TO RECEIVE ITS SHARE

RIVER APPORTIONMENT MADE BY BOARD OF ARMY ENGINEERS.

WAR SECRETARY APPROVES

Sum Considered Ample for Building Levees and Other Constructive Work—Over \$3,000,000 to Ohio River.

Washington.—The Mississippi River and its tributaries were adequately cared for by the board of army engineers in the apportionment of the \$30,000,000 river and harbors appropriation, voted in a lump sum by the recent congress.

The allotments were made public by Secretary of War Garrison, who announced his approval of the manner in which the board parceled the money.

\$4,000,000 for River Commission. The Mississippi River commission was given the usual allowance of \$4,000,000 while the sums allotted various sections of the Mississippi Valley are in keeping with the magnitude and recognized importance of the waterway improvement in that section of the country.

The Upper Mississippi River allotments were: Between mouths of Ohio and Missouri rivers.....\$ 200,000 Mouth of Missouri to Minneapolis, Minn.....1,000,000 St. Paul to Minneapolis.....65,000 Brainerd to Grand Rapids, Minn.....6,000 War Read Harbor and River, Minn.....2,000 Zippel Bay, Lake of Woods, Minn.....1,000

These allotments were made to the Missouri River: Kansas City to mouth.....\$1,000,000 Kansas City to Sioux City.....50,000 Sioux City to Fort Benton.....50,000

The Ohio River was allowed \$3,330,000 for locks and dams and \$310,000 for open channel work. Other Illinois appropriations allotted largely to Chicago and vicinity, totaled \$740,000, of which amount half a million was apportioned to the Chicago harbor.

Wrong Negro is Appointed. Burleson Intended to Name Former Supporter but Another Got the Position.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.—Postmaster General Burleson owes an apology to L. D. Simmons, an Oklahoma City negro, for an error he made in the selection of a negro for postmaster at Boley, Ok., one of the important negro towns of the state.

When Burleson recommended that President Wilson appoint Caesar Simmons for the Boley postoffice, he honestly thought that he was appointing L. D. Simmons. He thought he was doing a favor to a man who was one of his warmest and most ardent supporters for congress, in the ninth district of Texas, in several campaigns, and one of the leading negro advocates of Texas for 20 years. But he appointed a Simmons whom he had never known and who had never done a favor for the postmaster general.

Colon, Panama.—Corporal Landon of the United States coast artillery was shot and killed and three other American soldiers were injured, one of them seriously, in a riot here.

The soldiers were engaged in patrol duty in the disorderly district. The shooting, which resulted in a general fight, was the outgrowth of an argument between a soldier, who is alleged to have been drinking, and a Panama policeman.

Conscience Money. Jefferson City, Mo.—An anonymous letter was received by State Auditor Gordon in which was enclosed a \$5 bill for a box of state stationery and writing utensils which the writer said had been obtained through a friend who was a legislative employe just before the close of the session.

Prohibits Liquor in Homes. Cottesville, Pa.—The iron and steel mills of North Brothers Co. and Lukens Iron and Steel Co., have notified employes who live in the company's houses that tenants will be forbidden from having whisky, beer or other intoxicating drink delivered at their homes.

King Christian is Better. London.—Reuter's Copenhagen correspondent says King Christian underwent a slight operation, but that he has recovered and that no further bulletins will be issued.

Killed by Brother-in-Law. Lexington, Ky.—Dollins Hawkins and Elmer Stanforth, farmers of Anderson county, were shot to death by Joseph Chilton, their brother-in-law. Chilton was arrested and his examination and trial will be held this week. He will plead self-defense.

Son of Ex-President Killed. Paris, France.—The family of Claud Casimir-Perrier, son of a former president of France, has been informed that he was killed in battle and was buried near Rheims.

Held for Perjury. New York.—Frank D. Safford, the hotel clerk, who was a witness for Rae Tanser during her hearing before United States Commissioner Houghton on a charge of using the mails to defraud, was arrested at his home in Brooklyn on a charge of perjury.

RAILROADS QUOTE TWO VALUATIONS

HIGH ONE TO BASE RATES ON AND LOW ONE FOR TAXATION.

MUST CHOOSE ONE OR OTHER

Rate Increase Application Depends on Clearing Up Discrepancies—Hearing Will Come Up April 13.

Jefferson City. The final determination of the application by the railroads to increase rates depends upon whether attorneys for the roads will be able in the final hearing, April 13, to convince the public service commission that it should reject certain sworn statements of the roads as to the value of their property in Missouri and adopt other statements, also made under oath.

Shippers who are opposing the increased rates brought out the fact, in the early hearing, that the estimated value of the roads, filed with the commission for rate making purposes, was from 2 to 10 times greater than the value given to the state board of equalization as a basis for taxation.

The statements are not made up in the same way, and the same items are not totaled, but a comparison of the total value of the properties, based upon the relative value per mile, shows a great disparity.

Wheat Outlook Good. The condition of Missouri wheat is 11 points below that of one year ago, according to reports made to the state board of agriculture.

The spring season in Missouri is opening late. Much cold, cloudy weather during March held back farm work. Despite a deficiency in moisture for the month, the soil is well filled with water.

Condition of wheat for the state is 88.8 per cent as compared with 99.8 one year ago. Hessian fly and very late seeding, together with unfavorable weather during March are given as the causes for present wheat condition. However, on the whole, the prospect is promising. The 10-year April 1 average condition on wheat is 84.4. The lowest condition for the decade was 67.5, in 1910.

Missouri Property. The total taxable property of the state as returned by the county clerks from the books of the county assessors is \$1,687,602,179. As finally passed upon by the board the total of the taxable wealth of the state, as represented by the assessment of real and personal property, is \$1,658,587,414. This is a reduction of \$39,014,765 from the returns of the county clerks, but is an increase of \$34,765,467 over the total valuation of the same classes of property for taxation last year.

Mother's Pension Will Be Vetoed. Gov. Major announced he would veto the mother's pension bill. He had been convinced, he said, that the existing arrangement in St. Louis in charge of the board of children's guardians covers the situation better than the legislative enactment.

Senator Kinney, the author of the measure, urged the governor to kill the bill.

The pension bill provided \$10 a month for one child and \$5 for each additional child to mothers whose husbands are unable to support their families through physical incapacity or presence in a prison or hospital. It was amended to apply to St. Louis only.

The proposed law met vigorous opposition in St. Louis. The board of children's guardians tries to handle just such cases in a manner that will keep families together as far as possible.

Bank Deposits Gain. A statement issued by the banking department shows an increase of \$20,000,000 in the resources of the banks and trust companies of Missouri since Oct. 31, 1914.

The total amount of cash and sight exchange has increased \$25,000,000 since the October statement; capital stock increased \$1,490,825; surplus and undivided profits, \$2,196,998.23, and deposits \$16,446,060.47. The statement seems to indicate that Missourians are saving their money, but are not borrowing for purposes of investments, as the loans, which are considered the investment barometer, have decreased \$3,746,303.27. Bills payable also show a loss of \$3,018,823.76.

Tent Picture Shows Win. The building commissioner of St. Louis has held in a ruling that picture shows operated in a tent were unsafe and has ordered them closed. The supreme court has just decided against the commissioner.

Drinking Cup Doomed. Rules and regulations adopted by the state board of health prohibiting the use of the common drinking cup and the roller towel on railroad trains have been promulgated by Dr. J. A. A. Adcock, secretary.

Hadley to Run for Senate. Former Governor Herbert S. Hadley wrote Wm. C. Irwin of Jefferson City announcing that he will be a candidate for United States senator, provided there is a demand upon the part of Republicans for him to do so.

Tindle Bondsmen Held. The supreme court in a decision by Commissioner Brown virtually held that bondsmen for A. C. Tindle, defunct cashier of the Farmers County Bank, are liable to the extent of Tindle's bond of \$50,000.

HON. A. E. L. GARDNER



St. Louis county's capable representative in the upper house of the Missouri assembly.

Experts' Figures. The public service commission is considering statistics filed by C. B. Bee, rate expert, who testified in the railroad rate hearings, that the roads which were asking largely increased rates were now exacting higher rates and paying less taxes in Missouri than in any neighboring state.

Freight rates are divided by the railroads into class rates and commodity rates.

Class rates apply on all articles which have not a special commodity rate.

Approximately 75 per cent of freight tonnage handled by the railroads is commodity business, though the class and commodity business are about equal in point of gross revenue produced.

The principal articles on which commodity rates apply are grain, flour, hay, fruit and vegetables, livestock, coal, coke, ores, stone, lumber, oils, cement agricultural implements and wagons.

A complete table on all rates, comparing the proposed tariffs for Missouri with those in use in Iowa, shows that of 208 rates quoted only three are higher in Iowa than the proposed rate. Six are the same and 199 of the proposed rates will exceed the Iowa rates.

The proposed rate on wheat is an increase of 33 per cent over the present rate and exceeds the rates in Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

The present rate of 5 cents on corn for short hauls is 40 per cent greater than in Minnesota and 25 per cent greater in all of the other states mentioned.

A car of cattle shipped 300 miles under the proposed rates would cost \$49.50, an increase of \$14.80 over the present rate and an increase of 17.16 over the Illinois rate, \$15.62 over the Iowa rate and \$14.50 over the Arkansas rate.

A carload of hogs on a 300-mile haul, under the proposed rates would cost \$43.78, an increase over present Missouri rates of \$3.58, exceeding the Minnesota rate by \$10.12, the Illinois rate by \$16.24, Iowa by \$13.38 and Arkansas by \$8.78.

The rate applied for on hedges and mules is \$67.85 for 300 miles, an increase of \$32.65 over the rate now in use, and exceeds the Minnesota rate \$23.19, Illinois \$32.43 and Iowa \$28.41.

The increase on long and short hauls of livestock is practically the same.

The present and proposed Missouri rate on lumber is 65 per cent greater than in Minnesota, 60 per cent greater in Nebraska and exceeds the lumber rate in Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Contingent Bill Signed. Gov. Major has signed the last general appropriation bill. It was the general contingent budget, out of which he eliminated \$348,600 by veto and held up \$1,142,896. Of the amount vetoed, \$248,800 was appropriated out of the revenue fund and the other \$100,000 out of the general road fund.

This makes a total of \$578,118 vetoed out of the appropriations bills and a total held up of \$1,508,066.

The largest item held up in the general contingent bill is the item of \$875,000 for an emergency fund for the penitentiary.

All the departments suffered reductions in the appropriations made for them by the general assembly.

Insurance Inspectors. Insurance Superintendent Revelle appointed E. W. Watson and Means Ray of Cassville as inspectors under the state fire insurance rating law. The salary is \$2,400 a year.

Humorous Campaign. What might be an indication that Gov. Major would be a candidate for the United States senate in 1916 was the governor's prophecy that his race against former Gov. Hadley would be a "humorous campaign."

No Corn Planted. The state board of agriculture estimates that but 32 per cent of the corn land has been plowed. This is 9 per cent less than one year ago. No corn has been planted. There is a scarcity of seed corn.

Court Commissioners Reappointed. The supreme court reappointed R. T. Ralley, Fred L. Williams, Reuben F. Roy and Stephen S. Brown as commissioners, under the law enacted by the forty-eighth general assembly continuing the commission.

Death Sentence Affirmed. Division No. 2 of the supreme court has overruled motions for rehearing in the case of John Tatman and Samuel Sherman, who are to be executed in Kansas City, April 9 for the murder of Policeman John Lynch.

HAPPENINGS of the week IN MISSOURI

Missouri produces 50 million dollars' worth of poultry products yearly, and these are sold to consumers all the way from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Missouri has the largest poultry raisers' association in the world, with five thousand members. Missouri farmers lose from 3 to 5 million dollars annually from marketing bad eggs. More careful methods would eliminate this loss and would increase the surplus poultry products and their value. These were the points brought out recently at a meeting of state poultry experts in St. Joseph.

Trial of a \$100,000 damage suit for alleged malicious prosecution began in the Greene county circuit court the other day. John Young is plaintiff and Villa Rose, John Steele and J. W. Ray defendants. All are residents of Christian county. The suit grew out of the prosecution of Young for the alleged murder of William F. Steele, near Wilson Creek, Christian county, May 2, 1913. Several suits have arisen out of the killing and this promises to be the hardest fought of any.

Robert A. Gardner of Monett recently was cleared of a charge of manslaughter in the Barry county circuit court at Cassville. He was arrested following the death of an umbrella mender named Callahan, whom Gardner as night policeman of Monett, arrested for being drunk and disorderly. Callahan died in the city jail soon after his arrest.

While at play at her home, Bernice, the 4-year-old daughter of Nathan Shockey, living near Papinville, was killed. The little girl was leaning against a gate which was suddenly opened, causing her to fall backwards on her head. Her neck was broken.

E. L. Hendricks, who has occupied the chair of history in the Warrensburg Normal for the last six years, has been elected president of that institution. He succeeds William J. Hawkins, who has been president for eight years.

A Missourian has an elephant farm and controls the price of elephants in the markets of the Western hemisphere, supplying menageries, shows and zoological gardens with specimens. He is William P. "Diamond Bill" Hall of Lancaster.

A cablegram received at St. Louis recently announced that William Northrup McMillan, millionaire St. Louis druggist and mine owner with extensive estates in England and Africa, has enlisted in the British army as lieutenant.

The third section of Chicago & Alton freight train No. 88, eastbound, was derailed three miles northeast of Marshall and six oil tank cars took fire. The train was made up of twenty cars; fourteen of them went into the ditch.

Seven men were injured in the Schoolhouse zinc mine, east of Joplin when two charges of dynamite exploded prematurely. All of the injuries are dangerous, but it is not believed any of the men will die.

Despite the recent freezing weather following balmy days, which caused the sap to rise and the buds to swell, the peach crop in the Ozark fruit belt has suffered no damage.

Champ Clark, speaker of the House of Representatives, in a letter received recently, accepted an invitation to speak at Columbia Journalism week, May 3 to 7.

President Bush of the Missouri Pacific railroad announced recently that the railroads of Missouri would appeal to the courts in their efforts to get increased interstate freight and passenger rates, if an increase is not granted by the public service commission of this state.

At the meeting in Slater of the County Farm Bureaus of Missouri nine counties were represented by thirty-five delegates. About 350 were present. The banquet was attended by 250 persons.

Two sisters, Mrs. Samuel Hughes, 16 years old, and Ida Trob, 12, were drowned in the Nodaway river in Andrew county, five miles from Nodaway station, the other morning, when they tried to recover a duck which Hughes had shot. The body of Mrs. Hughes was recovered.

James Irvin Nichols, 82 year old, one of the founders of the Fulton Gazette, died suddenly the other night at the Masonic home in St. Louis. S. A. Nichols, a Fulton druggist, is a brother.

H. S. Sturges, president of the Missouri Press Association, has appointed Fred Naeter, Republican, Cape Girardeau; H. F. Stapel, Mail, Rockport; Ovid Bell, Gazette, Fulton; P. E. Burton, Leader, Sturgeon, delegates to the International Press Congress in St. Francis county, July 5 to 10.

The Chicago & Alton passenger station at Slater was destroyed by fire at noon the other day. Most of the tickets, baggage and express in the building were saved.

Dr. John G. French of St. Louis, a former student in the University of Missouri and many years a resident of Columbia, is dead at Parker Memorial hospital in Columbia. He went to the hospital about two weeks ago. Doctor French was 65 years old. He is survived by his wife.

The executive board of the University of Missouri has accepted the resignations of Boleslaw Szymoniak, assistant in horticulture, and E. W. Reak, farm adviser for Audrain county.