

Condensed News Items

SHORT STORIES TERSELY TOLD FOR THE BENEFIT OF BUSY READERS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A woman's baseball team is touring the first division in Germany and arousing the wildest enthusiasm wherever it crosses bats with regimental lines of the American army.

The creation of a negro state along the Rio Grande, to be administered like the Indian reservations, in the first division in Germany and according to Dr. M. M. Madden, negro evangelist of Oklahoma City.

Police and soldiers who intervened in food riots in the northern suburbs of Berlin exchanged shots with mobs of men and women. A number of shops were plundered.

Four boys—three negroes and one white—were drowned in the Ohio river near Evansville when they walked into a hole. The white boy was Rex Rouser of St. Louis, who was here on a visit.

Frank Vinser, Jr., 23 years old, of St. Louis, a metal worker, fell 90 feet inside a smokestack and was killed at the plant of the Waldeck Packing Co., almost opposite his home.

Out in Kansas an army of saw-toothed giants started to drone the annual hymn of the harvest. And above the drone of the reapers in the \$500,000,000 wheat fields of Kansas came the cry—"Send us help."

Frank L. Polk of New York, counselor of the State Department and now acting Secretary of State, has been nominated by President Wilson to be Under-Secretary of State, a new office created by the 1920 legislative and judicial appropriation bill passed by the last Congress.

Railroads of the central western region are to make an effort this week to run without an accident of any kind. Railroad employes are to be instructed to exercise unusual care in the performance of their duties.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Senator Borah made it plain that he will not be satisfied with any plan regarding the League of Nations which he does not regard as meeting the issue of Americanism vs. internationalism without equivocation.

Senator Spencer, of Missouri, appearing before the Senate Committee of Appropriations, succeeded in having included in the civil appropriation bill an item of \$75,000 for the establishment of three mine experiment schools, one of which, it is believed will be located at Rolla, Missouri.

Senators Johnson, Republican, of California, and Reed, Democrat, of Missouri, have agreed to speak in opposition to the League of Nations.

The Food Administration announces that the president has signed a proclamation, releasing from license all persons, firms, corporations or associations engaged in the business of importing, manufacturing, storing or distributing rice or rice flour.

A bill granting Japan permission to send two students to West Point was favorably reported by the House Military Committee.

American labor is to be warned to distrust and fear the provisions in the peace treaty for an international labor organization, senators opposing the treaty declare.

CRIMINAL.

Michael Schnurr, a merchant of St. Louis, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary on a charge of receiving stolen property. He is said to have accepted for sale \$5000 worth of Liberty Bonds that had been stolen.

A verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree was found by a jury in the case of Dr. Ephraim Northcott, San Francisco physician, accused of the murder of Miss Inez E. Reed, army nurse, formerly stationed at Fort Riley. She died after an operation.

A jury of seven women and five men will try Dr. Ephraim Northcott, San Francisco physician, on a charge of having murdered Miss Inez Reed, an army nurse.

Seven persons, including two American sailors, were seriously injured by a bomb which had been placed aboard a crowded street car in Manila.

Singapore has been declared under martial law following serious disorders in connection with the native Japanese boycott, the British War office announces.

DOMESTIC.

Lucius T. Russell, publisher of the Newark Ledger, announces that Arthur Brisbane, editor of the New York Evening Journal and Washington Times, had purchased an interest in his newspaper.

Word of the burning of certain French battle flags by the Germans has been received in Paris. Peace Conference opinion is apparently unanimous that this is a distinct violation of the peace treaty.

The through Seattle-St. Louis passenger train on the Burlington railroad, due at Lincoln at 15:15 Sunday morning, was wrecked a short distance east of Aurora, seventy miles west of Lincoln. Four coaches left the track, but, so far as known, no one was injured.

Completion of forts and housing accommodations along the Mexican border, to ameliorate the trials of troops serving as patrols, will give the United States its first real fortified frontier.

Enough food to provision the people of the liberated countries of Europe until their own farm crops have been harvested this fall will be in transit by July 1, it was announced by the American relief administration.

The suite recently occupied by the President and Mrs. Wilson, in the Waldorf-Astoria, New York City, and which has been reserved for Eamonn de Valera, "President of the Island," by his secretary, Harry J. Boland, is in spick and span shape for the guest.

PERSONAL.

Cardinal Mercier and Gen. Leman, defender of Liege in 1914, may accompany King Albert and Queen Elizabeth when they visit the United States.

Burlington passenger train No. 6, from Lincoln to Chicago, ran five miles without an engineer when Engineer James Edgar Johnson of Lincoln fell from the cab a mile east of Waverly after being hit by a mail crane.

Whitlock's successor as minister to Belgium has not been selected.

Thomas Nelson Page, United States ambassador to Italy, arrived in Paris and called on President Wilson.

ACCIDENTS.

The body of Alonzo Brandenburg, president of the First State Bank, was found under a pile of debris which marks the site of the Grand Hotel. It is believed that all of the bodies have now been recovered from effect of Fergus Falls, Minn., tornado.

Henry Bohnenkamp, 21, a bank clerk, and Miss Edith Oleane, 20, were drowned and two other persons were rescued when their automobile plunged into Chicago river. The rescued men attributed the accident to a broken steering gear.

LABOR.

In an effort to avert a strike threatened by 1500 firemen and 3500 policemen, the Finance Committee of the Chicago City Council voted an increase in pay to these men, as well as to 5400 street and miscellaneous workers already on strike.

Chiefs of police of all the large cities have agreed to send all loafers to the harvest fields if they insist on remaining idle.

A bill limiting work aboard all public and private vessels to eight hours a day or 48 hours a week was adopted by the Chamber of Deputies in Paris.

Warning that every strike or walk-out in violation of the union agreement with the government was "a nail in the coffin of collective bargaining," was voiced by Judge Samuel Aischuler when he resumed investigation of labor difficulties in Chicago packing plants.

FOREIGN.

The Dutch government officially announced that the former German crown prince is still on the island of Wieringen.

Big prices were realized at a jewel sale at Christie's, London, \$200,000 being paid for a rope of 315 beautiful pearls, which was offered merely as "the property of a lady." The day's sale altogether realized \$800,000.

The allied commanders have given the Hungarians until the evening of June 28 to evacuate the part of Czechoslovakia they invaded, according to a Budapest dispatch.

Portugal, especially Lisbon, is in the throes of an incipient "social revolution." Since the first of May, when the working classes made a strong and peaceful demonstration of their force by an immense procession through the streets and in front of the ministries, various threatening events have occurred.

The Italian delegation to the peace conference hereafter will be composed of former Foreign Minister Tittoni, Senator Guglielmo Marconi and Senator Vittorio Scialoja.

Fifty thousand Bolsheviks, it is reported, are fleeing in panic toward the Volga from the River Don region, and have passed Slavinansk, leaving rolling stock behind them.

Writing to the overseas commissioners, Lawrence O. Murray and Edward L. Hearn, Gen Pershing stated: "I wish to express through you to the Knights of Columbus my appreciation and that of the officers and men under my command for the valuable services rendered by your organization to the American expeditionary force."

The Navy Department has sold blue flannel cloth at a profit of nearly \$400,000 over the average cost price.

George Ledebour, Social Democratic leader, who was arrested in connection with the disorders in Berlin in January, was placed on trial and acquitted.

"We have waited 49 years for this moment," exclaimed Premier Clemenceau as he opened the dispatch announcing that Germany would sign the treaty, at the meeting of the Council of Three.

GARDNER OUTLINES THE STATE POLICY

EDUCATIONAL, COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS TO BE CARED FOR.

MISSOURI HAS CASH BALANCE

\$500,000 State Debt Paid—The "Show Me" State Is Now in Third Rank in Education—Literacy Is Approximately Four Per Cent.

Salient Points in Governor's Speech.

By rigid economy we have managed to pay all the State's expenses, liquidated all approved appropriations and the floating debt of two and a quarter million dollars and have a clean slate. I hope to pay all obligations of this biennial period and have a small balance left when I go out of office.

Missouri derived one-fifth of the general revenue during 1917-1918 from liquor licenses. We have solved the problem of deficit by enacting a revenue law, such as income tax, soft-drink tax and other minor revenue laws, together with a slight increase in the general property tax.

For the years 1919-1920 we have set aside \$9,685,422, or 53.7 per cent of the gross revenue receipts for educational purposes, an increase of \$2,751,554 over 1917-1918.

House bill 571 provides that children between the ages of 14 and 18, who are employed, shall spend not less than four of the employed 48 hours per week in part time school.

The pure seed law will undoubtedly add to the yield per acre of every Missouri farm.

The new dairy law places this industry on an equal level with the great dairy states north of us. The county memorial bill authorizes county courts and municipalities to erect monuments to the Missourians who served in the great war.

The sum of \$265,000 has been appropriated to cover the cost of maintenance of the State Guard for the ensuing two years. Missouri owes it to the mothers of the State to ratify the suffrage amendment. The last Legislature granted presidential suffrage to the women of the State; but now we must go farther and, by our example, point the way to other States in the Union and take the leadership in this long-deferred justice to women.

Fire Chiefs at Kansas City.

Discussion of many fire department problems, including administration of the department, spontaneous combustion, the methods of fighting fires and the transition from horse-drawn to motorized apparatus, marked the annual convention of the international Fire Chiefs' Association, held in Kansas City June 24 to 27.

Brewers to Await Decision.

It was agreed between Government officials and attorneys for the St. Louis Brewing Association and the Independent Breweries Co. that there will be no hearing of the injunction suit brought here to prevent the District Attorney and the Internal Revenue Collector from enforcing the wartime prohibition regulation as to 2.75 beer.

A New Drink with a "Kick."

August A. Busch, president of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association, registered with the Secretary of State the label for a soft drink to be known as "Kicker," which he is preparing to put on the market.

Tax Hearings Start June 30.

The State Board of Equalization and the State Tax Commission of Jefferson City, announced that hearings will start June 30 in connection with assessing the property of the railroads, telephone and telegraph companies and the bridges of the State for 1919 taxes.

\$1,500,000 Theatre for St. Louis.

The site for the proposed \$1,500,000 Loew Theater for St. Louis, the largest in the world, will be purchased within the next few days, according to Marcus Loew, who arrived in St. Louis recently.

River Des Peres Overflows.

St. Louis county was again stricken with enormous damage to property and loss of two lives by the sudden overflow caused by heavy rains.

Distributing I. W. W. Circular Barred.

Officers are instructed to arrest all persons found with a copy of the Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union circular by order of Fred Robertson, United States District Attorney of Kansas City.

Boy Drowned in Meramec.

Edward F. Nolte, Jr., 20 years old, was drowned in the Meramec river when he was attacked with cramps while swimming. The drowning occurred at Sherman, about six miles from Valley Park.

Dare-Devil Stunt Costs Life.

A dare-devil stunt of three boys who were paddling around in a skiff in the Osage river near Linn Creek, resulted in the drowning of one and a narrow escape from death of the other two.

July 1 National Buttermilk Day.

Washington—July 1, the day when the war-time dry law will go into effect, has been designated "Buttermilk Day" in the following statement by the Agricultural Department:

July 1 is National Buttermilk Day. Buttermilk, the United States Department of Agriculture thinks, is one of the best drinks in the world—nutritious, palatable and full of zest and vim. The man who drinks buttermilk regularly and copiously is doing a good turn for himself. That is one of the purposes of proclaiming National Buttermilk Day. The other is that the dairy industry in the United States will be encouraged.

Buttermilk Day, it is hoped, will remind many people of his drink, introduce it to others and be the beginning of a greater consumption of buttermilk that will contribute to the health and happiness of the consumers and at the same time help the dairy farmers to develop production.

To insure an ample supply of buttermilk both for homes and for hotels and restaurants, on July 1, the Department of Agriculture requests creameries, milk plants and other dairy establishments to co-operate in the plan to popularize the drink.

Fight to Defeat Suffrage.

A movement toward the organization of opposition to the ratification of the Federal equal suffrage amendment at the extra session of the Legislature, which will convene on July 2 under call of Gov. Gardner, is disclosed in letters sent to large employers of labor in St. Louis by Charles P. Comer, a lawyer.

Land Available for Soldiers.

Preliminary surveys indicate that Missouri has 5,000,000 acres of land available for use for "soldier settlement," it is stated in a letter transmitted to Gov. Gardner by State Land Reclamation Commissioner Brydon.

Sailor Drowns in 5 Feet of Water.

After serving in the navy a year without a mishap, Carl Hackley, 23 years old, son of J. B. Hackley, a prominent farmer of Fayette, was drowned in 5 feet of water while bathing in a pond on Jeff Scotton's farm.

Fight on Compensation Act.

All local labor unions in Missouri have been requested by the Building Trades Council to call attention to their members to the proposition to refer the workmen's compensation act to the people, and have been asked to support the proposition.

Coal Prices to Go Up July 1.

A general increase in the retail prices of coal will go into effect July 1. Carterville coal is to be raised 25 cents a ton; anthracite probably will go up 10 cents, and Arkansas coal is scheduled for a raise of 20 cents.

Notorious Criminal Arrested.

Chester Yates, notorious bank robber and hold-up man, who escaped from Sing Sing Prison more than six years ago, was arrested in Kansas City, Mo.

Prominent Railroad Man Dies.

Isaac Johnson, born in Scott County, Illinois, in 1848, and a resident of Sedalia, with the "Katy" the past sixteen years, died of cancer.

Negroes Uphold Law.

Negro residents of Kinloch Park joined in a petition presented to Prosecuting Attorney Ralph of St. Louis County, requesting the suppression of Lix Park, a negro outing resort, and four adjacent "dives." Of the 155 signatures to the petition 40 were contributed by negroes.

W. A. Black, Press President.

The Ozark Press Association elected the following officers for the coming year: President, W. A. Black of the Mansfield Mirror; vice president, Geo. S. Townsend, Mountain Grove Journal; secretary, H. L. Gosele, Houston Republican; treasurer, W. H. Lynch, Springfield Norman.

Webster Man Denies Charges.

Ward Goodloe of Webster Groves, who is defendant in a suit brought by four of his brothers for an accounting of their mother, Mrs. Emeline Bent Goodloe, declared that charges that he had mismanaged her property were unfounded.

Wins with Old-Time Gun.

William (Bill) Akard of Golden City who won the State amateur trap shooting championship at the State meet at Joplin, is boasting while competitors were using high-priced guns, he used an old second-hand pump gun in winning the title.

University City Votes for Bonds.

The \$220,000 school bond issue for the improvement of the public school system of University City, was carried by a vote of 426 to 16. The bond issue follows an increase in the rate of school taxes last April.

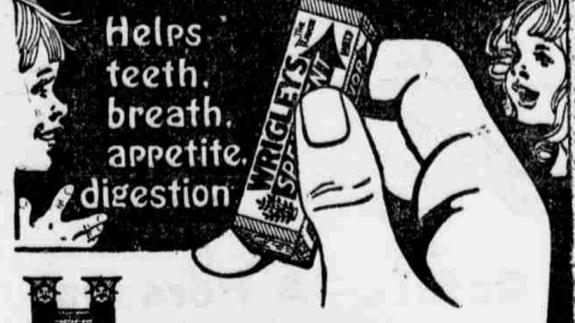
Recruiting Train to Tour State.

Plans are being formulated for the largest recruiting campaign ever staged in the Middle West to start July 10 and continue for 90 days. Three big army touring cars, including a military observation machine and 17 trucks, will travel through Missouri, piloted by two airplanes.

Only 15 Whites on Petition.

The statement that 115 of 165 were whites who signed petition to close Lix Park, a negro resort, in Kinloch Park, was a typographical error.

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The First Kipling Book.

Few who are reading Mr. Kipling's new volume of poems have seen a copy of that precious item of Kiplingiana, the first edition of "Departmental Ditties." It was, as its author says, "only a sort of book"—a lean, oblong docket, wire stitched, bound in brown paper and secured with red tape, in imitation of an Indian government report. A hundred copies or so were put together by the poet himself and posted, in imitation of official envelopes, "up and down the empire from Aden to Singapore, from Quetta to Colombo." The first issue contained only twenty-six poems, but others were added to the new edition rapidly called for, until presently the book changed its format and grew into a conventional stiff-back, gilt-topped volume. "But," says Mr. Kipling, "I loved it best when it was a little brown baby."—Manchester Guardian.

No Worms in a Healthy Child.

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. Grove's Tasteless Chilli Tonic given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

The Usual Thing.

"There does not seem to be much fraternal spirit among your citizens," said the spectacled guest. "They appear to be almost at swords' points with each other—backbiting, gossiping, denouncing, and—"

"Yes!" returned the landlord of the tavern at Wayoverbeland. "But that's all on the surface. Just wait till some stranger comes to town and gets into trouble, and you'll behold a united community jump onto him with both feet and in one voice."—Kansas City Star.

That Language of Ours.

"Ah, your idioms, I cannot grasp them."
"What's the trouble, count?"
"The politician is happy because he was whitewashed."
"Yes?"
"Yet the baseball pitcher who was whitewashed today, he is sad."—Kansas City Journal.

Hard Task.

Tom—Halloo, Dick, old boy! Writing home for money?
Dick—No.
Tom—What are you taking so much trouble for? You've been fussing about two blessed hours over that one letter.
Dick—I'm trying to write home without asking for money.

Wait!

"Phwat's that noise, Mrs. Mullaly?"
"Mary Ann's practicin' th' scales."
"Begorra, she must weigh a ton!"

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NOT HIS UNLUCKY NUMBER

Although Unpopular, "Thirteen" Has Been Decidedly Mixed With This Englishman's Life.

Superstitious readers will be interested in the following extraordinary story, of which the hero is Mr. F. G. Cordwell, the well-known and popular Fleet street journalist.

Mr. Cordwell has been literally dogged by the number thirteen. It was on the 13th day of the month that he went to France, that he went into action, got his first leave and returned to take up his commission. It was in the thirteenth tent, in line 13, camp 13 that he had his first lodgment in France. The tent contained 13 men. He had 13 days in hospital. He was given No. 13 pills. And, returning to civil work on January 13, he found that his old room had been renumbered 113.

Now count up the coincidences. You will find 13 of them!—Answers, London.

One on the Judge.

A certain judge could not control his temper, and consequently could not control other people. One day there was unusual disorder in court, and at last the judge could endure it no longer.

"It is impossible to allow this persistent contempt of court to go on," he exclaimed, "and I shall be forced to go to the extreme length of taking the one step that will stop it."

There was a long silence, then one of the leading counsel rose, and with just a trace of a smile, inquired: "If I please your honor, from what date will your resignation take effect?"

The Way Around.

Mrs. Wakeup—Where did Mrs. de Style get her new hat?
Mrs. Blase—That's a problem. She bought it with the money which her husband borrowed from her uncle, who had won it in a poker game from her brother, to whom she had loaned it shortly after her mother had taken it from her father's pockets and given it to her for a birthday present.—New York Globe.

No Trust.

"Rufus, aren't you feeling well?"
"No, sah. I's not feelin' very well, sah."
"Have you consulted your doctor, Rufus?"
"No, sah; I ain't done dat, sah."
"Why? Aren't you willing to trust your doctor, Rufus?"
"Oh, yes, sah; but de trouble is he's not so all'tgether willin' to trus' me, sah."—Yonkers Statesman.

Couldn't Read German Sign.

"No, I don't want any insurance? Didn't you see 'No Admittance' on the door?"
Agent—Sure I did! The Germans had "No Admittance" written in barbed wire and bullets outside their trenches, but we got in, just the same.—Life.

Gladness is appreciated only by those who know what sadness is.