

# Condensed News Items

SHORT STORIES TERSELY TOLD FOR THE BENEFIT OF BUSY READERS.

## CONGRESSIONAL.

Control of distribution of print paper for one year after the proclamation of peace would be placed with the Department of Commerce under a bill introduced in the house.

The feeling general in diplomatic circles that Holland will not surrender the former Kaiser is shared by senators conversant with European politics.

## CRIMINAL.

Walter Tabor, brother of Maude Tabor Virgo, whose body was found buried in the cellar of the Tabor home-stead at Lawton, Mich., last November, was taken into custody after he had given a deputy sheriff a signed statement implicating his mother, Mrs. Sarah Tabor, in the death of her daughter.

Governor McKelvie, of Nebraska, granted a reprieve of two weeks to Allen Vincent Grammer, convicted Howard county murderer, condemned to be electrocuted. Grammer was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Lulu Vogt, his mother-in-law.

## LABOR.

At the request of the miners, President Wilson's Coal Commission recessed. Representatives of the miners declared they wanted additional time to prepare statistics to support their claims for a 60 per cent increase in wages and a six-hour working day.

The American Legion is the "political creature of the Republican party," John Fitzpatrick, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, charged at a meeting of the labor organization.

Several Chicago labor unions, which have lost in obtaining wage demands from employers, have started in business to compete with employers. Four of them, the Piano and Organ Workers No. 1, the Butchers No. 456, Clear Makers No. 527 and Window Washers No. 128, have begun to give competing employers a job, and other unions are talking of following suit.

John H. Walker of Danville, Ill., was elected president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor over Duncan McDonald of Springfield, by a vote of almost two to one, according to a tabulation of returns completed. Walker received 40,180 votes and McDonald, the present incumbent, 21,889.

S. K. Ratcliffe, the English Journalist, discussing "Labor in Britain" at St. Louis, predicted that the labor members would control the English parliament within the next few years.

## DOMESTIC.

Influenza in a mild form continue to sweep through Chicago at the rate of 1,100 new cases every 24 hours. All available trained nurses were being mobilized by the Health Department to help combat the epidemic.

William B. Colver of the Federal Trade Commission, speaking before the National Wholesale Dry Goods Association here, characterized the excess profits tax as "one of the corner stones of the present unhealthy and intolerable price structure in this country."

The government will fix railroad employees' wages by a competent and impartial tribunal as well as prescribing what freight rates shall be charged according to the prediction of Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia.

The army transport Powhattan, with 500 persons aboard, sent word by radio to Boston that she was in distress about 500 miles east of New York.

The National Board of Directors of the Ancient Order of Hibernians decided to hold its next biennial convention in Detroit on the third Tuesday in July, 1921.

No newspapers were published at Winnipeg on account of news print paper shortage. News bulletins will be displayed at the post office until the papers reappear.

W. J. Bryan was named by Frank J. Hagenbarth as responsible for the high cost of living. Hagenbarth, president of the American Wool Growers' Association, told his convention at Salt Lake City that Bryan and free trade were responsible for high prices.

A movement has been started in Syracuse, N. Y., to have English the only language used in the services of the Methodist Episcopal Church throughout the United States after this year.

While Americans have been buying British pounds sterling in New York for \$3.79 or less, Americans in Shanghai have been paying \$100 in American gold for 76 Mexican dollars, which are in current use in Shanghai.

Merger of the northern and southern branches under a new constitution and assuming the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Louisville, Ky.

The traditions of the sawdust arena will be carried out in the rearing of Patricia McGinnis, baby of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnis. Mrs. Thessalia Leshar, a former circus rider, of Chicago, announced she would adopt Patricia.

Abolition of the excess profits tax and substitution thereof of a tax of 1 per cent on all purchases exceeding \$2, to be paid by the purchaser, was advocated by Otto H. Kahn, New York banker, in an address before the Association of Credit Men.

Every child in America will be asked to give at least 1 penny toward the erection in New York of a set of "Victory Chimes," which will ring out in daily reminder of the sacrifices made by Americans in the war.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

The future activities of the prohibitionists to "bring the whole world near to God" by prohibitory legislation were outlined by Dr. Lawrence True Wilson, general secretary of the board of temperance, prohibition and morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The "reformers' new program," as outlined by Dr. Wilson, includes campaigns against cigars, gambling, the social evil and prize fighting.

Constructive suggestions for reducing the high cost of clothing were made to the department of justice when Howard E. Figg, in charge of the government's campaign against living costs, met with a committee of the National Retail Dry Goods Association.

While the thermometer hovered near the zero mark, 35 Chicago families were driven to the street when fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, destroyed an apartment house.

Representatives of the American Mission for the Relief of Children have just finished an examination of school children in Vienna and found, according to dispatches received by the Austrian delegation at Paris, that 97 per cent of them are suffering from lack of food.

Securities and other loot valued at more than \$100,000, taken from a mail car of a Southern Pacific mail and express train by a bandit near Steege, Cal., was recovered by railroad detectives one and a half miles east of Steege in Berkeley hills.

General revival of war in Europe if Poland is unable to withstand the Russian Bolshevik armies is "not improbable," General Bliss, who was a member of the American peace delegation, told the House ways and means committee.

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. Lily Fleischmann obtained a divorce from Julius Fleischmann of New York, former Mayor of Cincinnati, in the court of domestic relations at Cincinnati.

Raymond B. Fosdick, under secretary-general of the League of Nations and American representative in the league machinery so far, has resigned. Fosdick's friends say that inasmuch as the league has not been accepted by the United States he did not feel he could continue.

Mary Garden never talks in public—but she kisses. When called on for a speech at a banquet of the Chicago Opera Association she kissed Harold F. McCormick, president of the opera association, instead.

President Wilson braved the heaviest snowstorm of the season and took a walk through the White House grounds, despite the cold, wet snow which was blown from the west.

## FOREIGN.

Japan's object in agreeing to cooperate with the United States in supporting Czech-Slovak troops in Siberia has been attained and the withdrawal of Japanese troops from Siberia will follow.

Belief that the efforts of the Allies to get former Emperor William out of Holland would prove unsuccessful was expressed by Baron Kurt von Lersner, Germany's chief representative at Paris.

Two men were suffocated, five firemen were injured and a loss sustained of nearly \$500,000 in a fire which destroyed the Empire Hotel and Grand Central Hotel and three stores at Calgary, Alberta.

The league of nations will come into being at a public ceremony to be held in the "clock room" of the French foreign office. Leon Bourgeois, the French representative, will preside and make the opening address.

The Supreme Premier Clemenceau has resigned. President Poincaré has asked Alexander Millerand, governor of Alsace, to form a new cabinet. The outgoing ministry has been in office since November 17, 1917.

Three persons, alleged to be the assassins of Earl Boies and F. J. Roney, American oil men killed near Fort Lobos, Mexico, early this month, have been arrested, according to a report.

The Japanese foreign office has announced that a formal note will be sent to China asking for the appointment of a commission to negotiate with Japan regarding the restoration of Shantung.

Eighteen passengers were killed and 29 injured in a railway collision outside of Schneidemuhl, Prussia, recently.

The German Cabinet, headed by Prince Maximilian of Baden as Chancellor, had decided, before the revolutionary overtures of November, 1918, that it would make an offer to surrender to the Entente, according to Otto Lansberg, majority Socialist leader and Secretary for Publicity in the present ministry, as quoted in a Cologne dispatch.

# CARRANZA DIRECTED MURDEROUS RAIDS

PLOT INSTIGATED BY HIM TO START REVOLUTION IN THE SOUTH IS BARED.

## FORMER SOLDIER TESTIFIES

Other High Mexican Officials Knew of the Program and Gave Encouragement, Senate Investigation Discloses.

San Antonio, Tex.—Carranza and a few of his principal lieutenants instigated and directed the long series of raids on American properties that began along the Rio Grande early in 1915, according to documentary evidence placed before the Senate subcommittee investigating the Mexican situation.

This was supported by testimony by John A. Walls, the district attorney at Brownsville, Tex.; L. R. Barnes, in charge of the United States army intelligence work along the border during the war, and other witnesses.

The committee obtained from them and from documentary evidence information tending to show that not only were the highest Mexican officials cognizant of the program of raiding parties which was carried out under the provisions of the "plan of San Diego," but that as late as June, 1915, they were still giving encouragement to and aiding those who participated in those raids in plans inimical to the United States.

T. B. Altendorf, a Pole, who was in the intelligence service of the American army during the war and who was largely responsible for the arrest of the German spy Witstke, now a prisoner at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., was placed on the witness stand long enough to identify Mario Mendez, the director of telegraphs in Mexico, as one of those whom Minister von Eckhardt kept on his payroll during the war.

Altendorf said Mendez's job was to see that copies of all messages from the United States bearing on military affairs were delivered to the German legation.

A new note on the Bolshevik movement in Mexico came from a copy of a letter written by Linn Gale to L. C. A. K. Martens, the Bolshevik's diplomatic representative at New York.

"Knowing you are the financial agents of the Russian Society in New York," Gale wrote, "I take the liberty of asking you if you will give financial aid in my propaganda in Mexico."

He added the explanation that he was the editor of a magazine devoted to the furtherance of radicalism. He explained that he went to Mexico to evade the army draft, "and since then," he added, "I have established very close relations with the Mexican government, which I have urged to Bolshevikize the country and which, I believe, do so. I have been extended unusual help in various ways by President Carranza and his prime minister, Secretary Berlanga."

# AUDITOR, \$19,000 MISSING

CAR COMPANY MAN LAST SEEN AT VENICE, ILL.

John Little, Ex-Convincer, Drives to Illinois Town, Tips Chauffeur \$20 and Says, "Wait for Me at Belleville."

St. Louis.—John Little, 45 years old, auditor of the St. Louis Car Company, 800 North Broadway, who in 1917 was paroled from the state penitentiary at Jefferson City after serving three years for forgery and grand larceny, disappeared from the offices of the company and shortly afterwards it was found that \$19,000 of the \$45,000 payroll was missing.

Edwin B. Meissner, vice president of the car company, after being informed about the missing money, telephoned the police and asked them to institute a search for Little.

Detectives assigned to the case learned that Little had hired Floyd White, 4409 North Broadway, a chauffeur, to meet him in front of the offices of the company.

White was instructed by Little, he said, to drive to Belleville, Ill., but as he was driving through Venice, Little called to him and ordered him to stop, getting out of the car.

206 Deny Kidnaping Charge. Tombstone, Ariz.—Millionaire mine owners, shift bosses, former sheriffs and deputies, laborers and others to the number of 206, residents of the Warren mining district, pleaded not guilty to charge of kidnaping in the superior court of Cochise county.

Eggs 75 Cents Each in Berlin. Berlin.—The price of eggs in Berlin recently reached a higher figure than in Paris in the siege of 1870. They have been selling here at 2½ marks each. The price normally is about 25 cents.

U. S. Army Deserter Kills Mexican. Columbus, N. M.—Four negro soldiers, members of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, stationed here, shot a Mexican boy twenty miles south of Columbus, according to authorities. The men are said to have been deserters.

# BAKER IS AFTER SCHOOL MONEY

STATE SUPERINTENDENT ACTS TO SUPPLY NEED IN COUNTRY.

## HE ASKS FOR AN AMENDMENT

Wants Law to Give Rural Schools of Missouri 25 Cents on Every One Hundred Dollars of Taxation.

Jefferson City, Mo.—State Superintendent of Schools Baker has taken the first step toward getting more money for Missouri rural schools by urging state legislators, congressmen and persons in the state who are influential politically to back a constitutional amendment giving the schools 25 cent on every \$100 raised by taxation. Baker has sent out a circular letter to those persons asking support for his plan.

Under the constitution Missouri schools are allowed a minimum of one-fourth of the money raised by taxation. The legislature in recent years has given the school about one-third of the total raised, but it has not been enough. Baker's idea is to repeal, by amendment, the present provision, and at the same time make a new amendment giving the 25 cents on the \$100, which would largely increase the state's income. The present condition of rural schools in the state is laid largely to low valuations of farm property by the state board of equalization. Many rural districts have protested against these low valuations, which make it impossible for them to support a good school.

Baker would have his proposed amendment, or a combination amendment, voted on at the general election next fall.

Another effort also is planned by Baker to obtain larger rural school units. The last legislature defeated the county unit bill, which would have permitted a union of rural districts unable to support a good school alone. The bill would have enabled the erection of a central building and maintenance of a good school, the small schools being closed.

## Sister Helped McCormack.

Cape Girardeau, Mo.—John McCormack, world famous tenor, who is to appear in St. Louis on January 29, owes his rise to fame to a sister of Mrs. J. A. Rigdon of this city, according to a story told by Mrs. Rigdon. Mrs. Rigdon's sister was Essie Quaid, a famous contralto of a quarter of a century ago, who toured two continents as a grand opera singer.

"My sister and I were born in Limerick, Ireland," said Mrs. Rigdon, "and Essie studied at the Conservatory of London. When she went on a tour in Ireland she met McCormack, who was then unknown. She realized the wonderful possibilities of his voice and arranged to make provision for his instruction."

## Sheriff's Books Reported.

New Madrid, Mo.—Alleged discrepancies in the accounts of L. A. Tickle of Morshouse, former sheriff of New Madrid county, were reported by a board of state auditors here. The auditors submitted their report to the clerk of the county court of New Madrid county, C. L. Z. Jones.

L. A. Tickle acquired the office at the last regular election and resigned several months ago. An examination of the affairs of the county office was made at the request of the county court after a petition signed by citizens of the county had been presented. The auditing board found the books of the other county offices in good shape and reported favorably on them.

## Grape Presses Planned.

Monett, Mo.—The establishment of a chain of grape pressing stations in the grape producing district of the Ozark region is included in the plans of Paul Garrett & Company, a new concern, which has begun the construction of a \$700,000 plant in St. Louis for removing alcohol from grape wine. The wine will be sold as a non-intoxicating drink and the alcohol obtained used in manufacturing table extracts. The Garrett company has a similar plant at Brooklyn, N. Y. The plant being erected in St. Louis is expected to be ready before the next grape harvest.

## Road Petitions Filed.

Lebanon, Mo.—Petitions have been filed with the Laclede county court for the organization of Gasconade Special Road District No. 8 and Osage Special Road District No. 9. The districts are to be organized for the purpose of building the Lebanon-Houston road, extending from the Lebanon special district to the Texas county line, a distance of 30 miles.

## Carthage Rates Raised.

Carthage, Mo.—The board of public works at Carthage has decided to make a 20 per cent increase in the electric and water rates charged patrons of the municipal plants. The plants have been operating at a loss and citizens are being told that the increase is imperative to prevent a heavy deficit at the end of the present year.

## Doniphan Calls Pastor.

Doniphan, Mo.—Rev. J. V. Clark of Chicago has been called as pastor of the Christian Church here.

## \$2,000,000 For Roads Approved.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The state highway board has approved 15 road projects, embracing nearly 140 miles, at an estimated cost of \$2,893,523. The board also settled the controversy over the type and mileage of four highways to be constructed in St. Louis county, embracing 41.53 miles at an outlay of \$1,872,432.

As finally approved, the St. Louis highways stand:

Lemay Ferry road, 7.05 miles, from Telegraph road to Meramec River, 18-foot concrete, \$305,461.

St. Charles road, 12.63 miles, 18-foot bituminous macadam, \$573,585.

Manchester road, 15.75 miles, 18 and 20-foot concrete and brick, from North and South road to Eatherton, \$688,321.

Gravois road, 6.08 miles, 18 and 20-foot concrete and brick on Gravois road from Weber to Kernery road, \$308,123.

In other counties the board approved 97.90 miles at an estimated cost of \$1,020,800. The cost of these latter improvements will be as follows:

Lawrence county, \$44,066; Jasper, three projects, \$535,562; Cedar, \$22,576; Taney, \$23,599; Henry, \$125,387; Hickory, \$25,424; Texas, \$126,122; Laclede, two projects, \$93,941.

## Sleeping Disease at Columbia.

Columbia, Mo.—Sleeping sickness has spread to Columbia and is causing much alarm. R. E. Lewis and Mark H. Keeney, assistants in the extension division of the Missouri University, have been ill for several weeks. Lewis is now in Excelsior Springs recuperating, but Keeney is still in the hospital here. Rollins Bronlee of Brookfield, Mo., a track star in the university and a man who shows promise as a contender for a berth on the United States team in the Olympia meet next summer, is believed to be suffering with the malady and has been sent to his home.

## Grand Jury Reports Gambling.

Macon, Mo.—A special grand jury reports: "From the information we have gained we are convinced that gambling has been going on in Macon and Bevier and that hard-working bread-winners and promising young men are frequently participants in the same, but the officers whose duty it is to detect the violators of the law have, with one exception, no direct evidence to give us, but we believe the evidence can be had and the gambling stopped if the proper officers will get busy and raid the suspected places."

## Cotton Pioneer Dies.

Marston, Mo.—Seth S. Barnes of Marston, Mo., well known merchant and one of the largest cotton growers in Southeast Missouri, died at his home at the age of 81 years. Barnes was a native of Illinois. He was a pioneer in the development of cotton growing in Missouri and was an extensive landowner and had other large business interests. For a number of years he was postmaster of New Madrid, Mo.

## Women Urge Better Schools.

Mexico, Mo.—At a meeting of the League of Women Voters here the following resolutions were passed:

"Resolved, That it is the sentiment of this meeting that first the League of Women Voters endorse the action of the executive committee of the State Teachers' Association and offer to assist them by circulating petitions to have a larger fund set aside for the educational work of the state."

## Kansas City Has Disease.

Kansas City, Mo.—Health officers of those communities of the Southwest, where a mysterious intestinal malady has caused the illness of hundreds of persons, apparently made little headway in their efforts to identify the ailment. At several places, however, physicians put forward the term "winter cholera" as being the most expressive and appropriate.

## Man With 6-Foot Beard Dies.

Fayette, Mo.—Joe Miller Wayland, a farmer, is dead at the age of 75 years. He was a member of the Wayland family of Central United States, who held a reunion in Fayette annually. Wayland won fame because of the length of his beard, which was fully 6 feet in length and was worn in a braid beneath his shirt.

## Paroled Convict Taken.

Fulton, Mo.—Bryan Qualls, who was sentenced to a term of five years in the penitentiary early in 1918 on a charge of stealing wool, has been taken to the penitentiary by Sheriff J. L. Cole. Qualls was granted a parole after being sentenced, but he later broke it.

## Justice of 25 Years Dies.

Linneus, Mo.—The funeral of Thos. Benton Bowyer, who celebrated his 86th birthday last Christmas and was the first white child born in Linn county, was held here, attended by many members of pioneer families. For 25 years he was a justice of the peace.

## Rich Hill Banker Dies.

Rich Hill, Mo.—W. W. Cheverton, 60 years old, for thirty-eight years a resident of this city, died here after a three weeks' illness. Cheverton was a prominent stock raiser and vice president of the commercial State Bank of this city.

## Millersburg Couple Wed.

Fulton, Mo.—Elmer Baumgartner and Miss Floy Irene Burt, both of whom live near Millersburg, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Burt.

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## An Illinois Case

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