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## COMING WEEK TO TELL WHEN STATE SOLONS GO HOME

Next Few Days at Lincoln to Determine Time This Session of Nebraska Legislature May Adjourn.

### APRIL TENTH MAY BE THE DAY

Farmers Are Already Becoming Anxious to Return to Land and Get Their Grain In.

### IMPORTANT BILLS TO COME UP

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 21.—(Special.)—The coming week of the legislature will determine at what time the members will be likely to pack up and go home. The end of the week will bring the session to that point where the members will begin to get anxious. Thursday night will complete the constitutional sixty days for the house, while the senate will have three days longer in which to complete its constitutional limit.

### April Tenth May Be Day

According to some of the leaders of the house April 10 may be the day when the clock will be stopped and the longest day of the session observed. Usually the clock is stopped just before the expiration of the day and the bodies work on finishing up the work and waiting for the final drop of the gavel to be heard. Then the final drop of the gavel is heard and the thing is over. Should the legislature run until the tenth, which is two weeks from next Saturday, it may be Monday before the real end comes.

### No One Can Tell About It

However, no one can tell very much about it, for on account of the order of Speaker Jackson issued that no vouchers will be made out until the end is reached, there may be enough of the members form a combination to hustle things up a little.

Already the lure of the oat field is drawing the farmer members, one farmer member being heard to say last Thursday that he ought to be home getting his oats in. When the call of the farm begins to be felt it generally spreads rapidly and should warm weather start in this week there is no telling what may happen by Saturday night.

### Important Bills to Come Up

There are some important bills yet to be disposed of, the Omaha annexation bill has to go back to the senate for approval of the Parrott amendment attached to the house, while the Omaha water board lighting bill has yet to go up against final passage in the house and then go back to the senate.

Then will come the anti-discrimination insurance bill. On top of these the appropriation bills have got to run the gauntlet of the senate and some of the appropriations will be changed. This will mean a return to the house and the probable appointment of a conference committee by each body, and that will mean more delay, so if the lure of the farm strikes the members they may be compelled to forget it and stay to the end.

## "Night Riders" Who Menaced Landlords Held to Grand Jury

SIKESTON, Mo., March 21.—Ten men arrested here last night at the organization meeting of a Night Riders' association were bound over to the grand jury today and tonight were placed in jail at Benton, Mo., to await action of the jury. Two other prisoners were released on bond.

The arrest of the band was arranged by a group of detectives brought here from Chicago, who had become members of the association. The detectives were assisted by landowners and business men who several weeks ago learned that a night riders' band was being formed.

The band had written letters to many landowners threatening them with whippings and destruction of their homes unless farm laborers were paid \$1.50 a day. The letters also demanded lower rent for all tenants. The owners of the Scott County Milling company were threatened with the destruction of their plant by fire unless they paid higher wages.

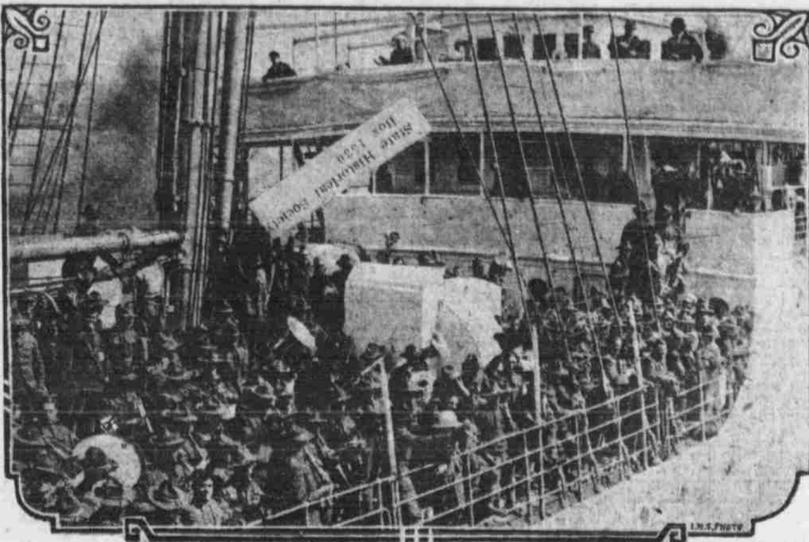
## Persia Asks Russia To Leave Province

BERLIN, March 21 (By Wireless to Sayville, L. I.)—The Persian government has called upon Russia to evacuate the province of Azerbaijan (northwest Persia), says an item given out by the Overseas News agency here tonight.

## The Weather

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday. SNOW. Hours. Degree. 5 a. m. 22. 6 a. m. 22. 7 a. m. 22. 8 a. m. 22. 9 a. m. 22. 10 a. m. 22. 11 a. m. 22. 12 m. 22. 1 p. m. 22. 2 p. m. 22. 3 p. m. 22. 4 p. m. 22. 5 p. m. 22. 6 p. m. 22. 7 p. m. 22. 8 p. m. 22. 9 p. m. 22. 10 p. m. 22. 11 p. m. 22. Comparative Local Record. 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912. Highest yesterday 31. Lowest yesterday 11. Mean temperature 26. Precipitation .00. Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal. Normal temperature 32. Deficiency for the day 10. Total deficiency since March 1 109. Normal precipitation .54. Deficiency for the day .54. Total deficiency since March 1 114. Excess since March 1 .00. Deficiency for one period, 1914 72. Excess for one period, 1913 1.7. 7 indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WESGEL, Local Forecaster.

## UNITED STATES TROOPS TO GUARD PANAMA CANAL—Members of Twenty-ninth Infantry going aboard army transport at Galveston to sail for Colon, where they will be on duty patrolling the canal zone.



## DAHLMAN AGAINST ANY POSTPONEMENT

Would Have Annexation Stand on Own Merits and Arrange for Voters to Participate.

### GIVES REASON FOR CONTENTION

Mayor Dahlgren, the city commissioner and various would-be commissioners are against the proposition to postpone the forthcoming city election on account of prospective annexation. The mayor spent a busy day yesterday with the Douglas county state senators who came back from Lincoln to spend a few quiet hours with the home folks.

### The Mayor Went to the Office of Senator Ed. T. Howell and the Twin

discussed the situation several hours. The mayor saw other members and told them what the city administration and others want. The result of the Dahlgren-Howell conference was not very definite.

### Will Block Amendment

A determined effort will be made to block the proposed amendment to the Omaha charter whereby the May 4 election will be postponed so that in the event that annexation goes through in a special election, candidates of the annexed territory may file for the election.

### I do not believe that our election should be postponed on account of the annexation matter. Let annexation stand on its own merits and arrange so that the voters of the annexed towns may participate in the election May 4, even if they cannot participate in the filing of candidates," asserted the mayor.

The mayor contends the stage has been set for the primaries April 6 and the election, May 4 and to upset those plans would be unfair. He asserts that various candidates have spent money for cards and other advertising and have started their campaigns.

### Things are stirred up and this week promises some hard work at Lincoln.

There will be frequent trips to Lincoln and many of those who oppose the postponement of the Omaha election intend to camp at the state house.

### Jim is Full of Fight

The mayor has his fighting clothes on and he predicts that the Omaha election will not be deferred, not if he can help it and he asserts that he has plenty of help which he will summon.

There are some who assert that the only fair way would be to give the people of the annexed territory a chance to set in on the commissioner fight, which could be brought about by putting the election off.

### John Paul Brenn, charter maker and publicist, believes the latter part of June would be a nice time for the election.

He says that would not be a long wait for the anxious ones. He admits there would be some inconveniences in filing new petitions and getting out new cards, but he explains that those who have filed would not lose their filing fees of \$10 each.

## Jury "Hung" in Trial Of Woman for Murder

TACOMA, Wash., March 21.—After having been out since Friday the jury which heard the evidence against Mrs. Bertha Duffley, accused of the murder of 2-year-old Clarence Hall, reported tonight that it was unable to agree and was discharged.

### Three of the Jurors were women.

Mrs. Duffley was housekeeper for Amos Hall, father of the boy. Neighbors testified that she cruelly abused the child. Physicians said blows on the head caused death. Mrs. Duffley asserted the child fell from a trunk.

## Shots Stop German Vessel at San Juan

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, March 21.—The German merchant steamer Odenwald, which attempted to leave port this afternoon without obtaining clearance papers, was stopped as it was passing out the entrance to the harbor, by two shots across its bow from a 5-inch gun and direct shots from a maxim.

## RETAIL CLOTHIERS COMING Meeting to Be Held in Omaha Tuesday for Purpose of Forming a State Organization.

TO AFFILIATE WITH NATIONAL

### Between forty and fifty retail clothiers from out in the state are expected in Omaha Tuesday, when they are to organize a state association of retail clothiers.

These associations exist now in many states, and are affiliated with the big national association.

National association men are to be in Omaha Tuesday to advise in the details of organizing the new state body. L. M. Myers, Springfield, Ill., president of the national association; Charles E. Wry, Des Moines, secretary of the national, and Charles Reno, Council Bluffs, director of the national, are to be among the national association officials who will be here.

### Local clothiers of Omaha are to give a luncheon at the Hotel Fontenelle in honor of the delegates.

R. E. Wilcox and J. W. Metcalfe are on the local committee in charge of arrangements for the dinner.

The clothiers say they simply want to organize for social advantage and shop talk. They feel that there are problems in the clothing business which can be best worked out by co-operation and a discussion of the difficulties. They say there are many problems connected with the spring and fall sales, the buying and selling of goods, and other strictly shop propositions that can be handled to advantage if the dealers of the state are in touch with one another and understand each other.

### Standing Rock Indian Reservation Thrown Open to Settlement

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The government has issued the proclamation opening the Standing Rock Indian reservation to settlement. This reservation is in both South and North Dakota. A new system is to be evolved, which does away with the old lottery system used at the Rosebud and other places. The land will be open to inspection from May 1 to May 15, and filing may be made on the latter date. In the event there are more than one applicant for the same piece of land then these contestants will draw lots.

### In North Dakota the filings will be made at Bismarck and in South Dakota at Timber Lake. There is 1,200,000 acres in the reservation, but after the state has taken its share, and with the Indian allotments made, there remains 300,000 acres for settlement.

### Hand Grenades Hit The Queen Elizabeth

CONSTANTINOPLE (Via London), March 21.—An official statement issued today from Turkish headquarters says: "Observations made during the battle in the Dardanelles established that the French battleship Bouvet was struck by two heavy bombs. Five of our grenades reached the Queen Elizabeth and four the Inflelix.

"On our side only one long range gun was damaged and about twenty soldiers killed.

### "The enemy attempted no action today against the Dardanelles."

### Hurls Children Out Fifth Story Window

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—Samuel Liebman of New York, who is charged by the police of that city with throwing his two small children out of the fifth story window of a tenement house last Wednesday, resulting in the death of one and the serious injury of the other, was arrested here tonight by New York and Philadelphia detectives.

Liebman admitted his identity and, according to the detectives, said he threw the children out of the window because he was tired of supporting them.

### BURGULARS LOOT DRUG STORE OF COCAINE STOCK

LOGAN, Ia., March 21.—(Special.)—Burglars robbed the Carty drug store of Logan last night and carried off the entire stock of morphine and cocaine.

## YUCATAN ASKS U. S. TO DO SOMETHING

Hemp Growers of that Mexican State Join American Importers in Plea for Relief.

### COMMUNITIES TERRORIZED

Communities in Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Colorado and Texas have been terrorized since the first axe murders committed in September, 1911, in Colorado Springs, Colo., when six persons were slain. In nearly every instance the murderer killed an entire family.

In the house at Monmouth, where the Dawson family lived, the police found an electric flash light, on which were scratched the words "Colorado Springs" and "Lover." This was practically the only tangible bit of evidence ever found by the authorities after the discovery of the bodies of the victims. The blood-soaked axe, with which the crimes were committed were left behind in most cases. But investigation proved, as a rule, that the weapons had been the property of the householders. Finger prints on the handles were photographed by experts, but in most cases were too blurred to be of service in tracking the murderer.

### List of Axe Murders.

A list of recent axe murders follows: H. C. Wayne, wife and children and Mrs. A. J. Burnham and two children, Colorado Springs, Colo., September, 1911.

William E. Dawson, wife and daughter, Monmouth, Ill., September, 1911.

William Showman, wife and three children, Elsworth, Ia., October, 1911.

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## McVann, Speaking for The Omaha Shippers, Grills Rail Witness

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E. J. McVann, representing Omaha, and Council Bluffs shippers, asked the witness questions designed to test his personal knowledge of figures submitted in an action to the Interstate Commerce commission by officials of other railroads. He said he was particularly informed as to the Rock Island, but his conviction that an advance in rates was necessary on all the roads was based on information he had obtained.

## Scott Brings Piute Insurgents to Bluff

DENVER, Colo., March 21.—General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, accompanied by Taz-Ne-Gat, a Piute Indian, wanted by the federal authorities for murder; "Old Polk," his father; Chief Posey and the latter's son arrived in Bluff, Utah, late today, according to a special dispatch received here from Bluff by the way of Cortez, Colo.

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## ARREST OF NEGRO TO REOPEN INQUIRY INTO AXE MURDERS

Loving Mitchell Held at St. Louis on Charge of Killing Illinois Family in September, 1911.

### THAT ONE OF THE TRAGEDIES

Communities in Several Western States Terrorized by Crimes of Mysterious Assassin.

### VICTIMS ALL SLAIN SLEEPING

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 21.—Inquiries made of the St. Louis police today indicated that the arrest here last night of Loving Mitchell, a negro, would result in reopening investigations into thirty murders committed since 1911, identical in nearly every detail. The crimes were committed at night while the victims lay asleep in their beds and all came to their death by means of blows from an axe.

### The warrant on which Mitchell

was arrested charged him with the murders of William T. Dawson, his wife and daughter in Monmouth, Ill., on the night of September 30, 1911.

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## Dozen Candidates Bring in Petitions

Twelve new candidates for the city commission filed their petitions yesterday, bringing the total number to date to fifty. They were: Edward Simon, author of the loan shark and children's pension laws; C. T. Walker, 2241 Ames; J. N. Carter, 205 1/2 W. 17th; Thor Jorgensen, 1091 Park avenue; Max Kirshbaum, 813 South Twenty-second; E. L. Morrow, 3415 Decatur; Jeff W. Bedford, 232 North Eighteenth; William N. Chambers, 183 Farnam; Louis Burmaster, 317 North Sixteenth; Owen Slaven, 176 South Tenth; William M. Nash, 315 South Thirty-third and Walter S. Jardine, 3415 California.

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## FOLLOW PLOW IN PATENT LEATHERS

Texas Land Owner Says Great Lack of Tenants in Want of Economic Sense.

### TAFT RANCH METHODS PROBED

DALLAS, Tex., March 21.—A government inquiry into agricultural conditions in the southeast ended at Dallas, after five days' taking of testimony by the United States Commission on Industrial Relations.

Judge M. M. Brooke of Dallas, a northern Texas land owner, said for several years he has had a standing offer to become security for any of his tenants who will save \$1,000 and buy a farm, backing the tenant until the farm is paid for.

### None Accepted Offer.

"I never got one man to accept the offer," he said. "Many have made the \$1,000, but they would spend it. The great lack by tenants in this country is lack of economic sense. I have seen them plowing wearing patent leather shoes and red socks."

Testimony concerning the Taft ranch in Texas, regarding land tenants alleged to be victims of an expensive middleman system between the farmer and his market, was covered at the closing session.

The principal Taft industry considered was the Coleman-Fulton Pasturage company of San Patricio county, consisting of 6,000 acres under cultivation.

### Green Is Witness.

Joseph H. Green of Gregory, Tex., general manager for the Taft interests in Texas, testified that the company has twenty stockholders and the stock is worth about \$20 per share.

Tenants and laborers on the farm, he said, are mostly Mexicans, with a few Americans. More than half the American farmers who have been on this place in the last dozen years, he said, have bought their own farms. Of the Mexicans, two had bought farms. He said the company had notified all employees they would be discharged if they became candidates for any political office in the county.

Prof. Charles H. Alvord of Gregory, superintendent of the farm, testified he had known of but one American farmer permitting his wife to work in the fields. Mexican women and youths of both sexes worked in the fields, but seldom young Mexican children. He said Mexican laborers on the place receive 80 cents a day, against \$1 a day last year. Mexican boys begin earning the full wage at about 14. Most of the labor, he said, was Mexican.

### Why Mexicans Hired.

"Why don't you employ other labor?" asked Chairman Frank P. Walsh of the commission.

"There is not enough in the country," replied Prof. Alvord.

"Do you employ Mexicans because you can get them cheaper?"

"No, not necessarily. It depends on the efficiency we get out of them."

## Suggests Complete Reorganization of Illinois Government

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 21.—Complete reorganization of the Illinois state government is recommended in the report of a legislative committee on state efficiency and economy made public yesterday. The executive departments of the United States government are taken as providing a general outline for the proposed system, which would comprise ten main departments.

Objections made to the present arrangement are that it duplicates salaries, positions and work, and makes for inefficiency, besides burdening the governor with more detail than possibly can be looked after by one man.

The legislative committee was appointed eighteen months ago and has been assisted by John A. Fairlie, professor of political science at the University of Illinois. He prepared the report.

## Crew of Dresden is Taken to Valparaiso

VALPARAISO, March 21.—The Chilean cruiser Esmeralda and Ministro Zenteno arrived here today from Juan Fernandez island with the crew of the German cruiser Dresden, which was destroyed in an action with British warships off the island March 14. The members of the crew will be detained here on board the German steamer York.

No official announcement has yet been made as to the result of the investigation into the naval fight by the Chilean government. The Chilean schooner Argentina, however, has arrived from the scene of the battle, where it was damaged by shells, and the members of its crew confirm the German version of the encounter, which was that the Dresden was attacked in Chilean waters, being at anchor in Cumberland bay, on the north side of the island.

## British Losses in Straits Sixty-One

LONDON, March 21.—(11.30 p. m.)—The British casualties in the Dardanelles number sixty-one killed, wounded and missing, according to the official announcement made tonight.

## Richard Hooker New Head of Republican

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 21.—Richard Hooker was yesterday elected president of the Republican company, succeeding the late Samuel Bowles as publisher and editor of the Republican.

Mr. Hooker is a nephew of the fourth Samuel Bowles, who has just died, and a grandson of the third Samuel Bowles. Since 1900 he has been a member of the Republican's staff in various capacities in both editorial and business departments, having served for some years as the Republican's Washington correspondent.

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## GERMAN SUBSEA SINKS ANOTHER SHIP IN CHANNEL

English Steamer Cairntort, Loaded with Coal, is Sent to Bottom by Torpedo Off Beachy Head.

### ALL MEN OF CREW ESCAPE

Dutch Vessel, Batavier V, Seized by Teutons and Towed Into Zebrugge.

### CRAFT ON THE WAY TO LONDON

LONDON, March 21.—The British steamer Cairntort was torpedoed this afternoon off Beachy Head in the English channel and sank according to a news dispatch from Eastbourne. Its crew escaped when the steamer was struck, rescue boats put out to it and attempted to tow it into port. It sank eight miles out, however. The Cairntort was bound from New Castle for Genoa with coal.

The Cairntort was a vessel of 2,293 tons and was built in Sunderland in 1904. It was owned by the Oltira line of New Castle.

Dutch Steamer Setaed. AMSTERDAM (Via London), March 21.—Another Dutch steamer the Batavier V, has been seized by the Germans and taken into Zebrugge according to the Telegram. The ship left Rotterdam Thursday for London with a cargo composed of meat and general merchandise.

The Rotterdam Maasbode says it has learned that the crews of the Batavier V and the Zaanstroom (a Dutch steamer seized by the Germans Saturday afternoon) together with the women and children who were on the two vessels were released upon their arrival at Zebrugge, but that the officers and sixteen Belgian passengers have been arrested.

The Batavier V is a steamer of only 500 tons, owned by a Rotterdam firm. The Zaanstroom, which was loaded with eggs when seized by the Germans is classed