

SPEAKS FOR HIS FRIEND

Witness Makes an Impassioned Speech to the Jury In Defense of Caillaux, the Defendant's Husband.

BEWILDERMENT AND TERROR

Are Imprinted on the Face of Calmette's Slayer.

The Prisoner Presents a Sorrowful Figure in Court.

Paris, July 24.—Pascal Ceccaldi, intimate friend of Joseph Caillaux, the first witness at today's trial of the murder of Gaston Calmette of the Figaro. Interest today centered around the two intimate testifiers referred to in yesterday's testimony and handed by Mme Gueydan, money and handed by M. Labori, first wife of Caillaux, to deal with as Mme Caillaux's counsel, to deal with as she chose. Great curiosity had been awakened as to whether they would be read in court or communicated privately to the jury.

SUN IS HOT TODAY

Thermometer Is Rising With No Relief in Sight.

Scattered Showers Fall to Cool Kansas Atmosphere.

Kansas still swelters under a blazing sun, and there is no relief offered. Last night was hot and oppressive, and this morning the mercury started on a rapid climb towards the hundred degree mark.

HOUSE IS SERIOUS

Topeka Newspaper Man Really Figures on Race for Mayor.

"If I Appear to Have a Chance I Will Run," He Says.

Jay E. House, the versatile and popular Topeka newspaper man, well known all over Kansas, came out for the first time today in a serious study concerning his rumored candidacy for mayor in the 1915 spring primaries.

TERSE TALES OF INTEREST

Son "Ganged" His Dad.

New York, July 24.—Earl Brent, 15, of Evergreen, L. I., admitted to Magistrate Fitch in the Flushing police court that he had told his father, he "would get his gang after him."

Cannot Copyright "Teddy Bear."

New York, July 23.—Declaring in effect that nature cannot be copyrighted, United States Judge Hough has refused to continue an injunction obtained by the heirs of Edward Steiner, the inventor of "Teddy Bear."

In Wild and Woolly West.

Kansas City, July 24.—Bert Brent, 22 years old, just arrived here from Philadelphia, was arrested on a downtown street here for shooting at the feet of pedestrians as he made them suffer.

Drunk for 17 Years.

Jersey City, July 24.—Gustave Ebert, a plumber contractor, has been drunk almost every night for the 17 years he has been married.

ESTIMATE IS LOW WAR CLOUD SEEN

J. C. Mohler, Secretary of Agriculture, Sees Wheat. Indicates Higher Yield After Visit to the West.

JUBILANT OVER TREGO COUNTY

Grain Like Whisky—"All Good, but Some Better."

Farmers Are Not Allowing Wheat Enthusiasm to Prevail.

Jacob C. Mohler, secretary of the state board of agriculture, indicated today that perhaps all estimates on the Kansas wheat crop had been placed too low. Mohler has returned from a visit to Trego and other western Kansas counties, and believes that some of the communities in the western wheat belt will harvest a crop twice as large as any former yield.

Germany Will Back Up Emperor Francis Joseph.

Situation Causes a Violent Slump in Securities.

Germany Backs Austria.

Common in the German press today strongly supports Austria. Radical organs such as the Tagblatt and the Frankfurter Gazette, which are in close touch with the financial world, and are usually strongly pacific, find the terms of the Austrian note well justified.

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WAR CLOUD SEEN

Austria's Ultimatum to Serbia Stirs European Courts.

Future Peace Depends on the Attitude of Russia.

Bankers and Business Men Caught by Counterfeiters.

WHO IS SMOOTH STRANGER?

Unknown Man Has Asked for Change From Topekans.

Coins Were Not Detected Until Most Close Scrutiny.

That a gang of counterfeiters have made Topeka the depository of their coins is the opinion of several Topeka bankers. Several \$5 and \$10 gold pieces have been passed on Topeka banks and merchants, which today have been discovered to be valueless.

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LEVY IS SLICED BY COMMISSION

City Reduces Taxes by Reduction of Needs Today.

Budget for 1915 Calls for 6.75 Instead of 7 Mills.

COMMISSIONERS ARE AT ODDS

Each Man Complains of Amount Given the Other.

Disturbed End of Long Fight at the City Hall.

The city commissioners after working on the city budget for several weeks reached an agreement today whereby the levy will be reduced from 7 to 6.75 mills. Roy L. Bone, commissioner of finance, presented the revised budget to the city commissioners in session today and the new ordinance was given first reading. There is little likelihood that the ordinance will be changed before final passage.

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