

FAITH IN HIS SON

Father of John Collins Says Boy Is Innocent.

Will Account for Movements of Alleged Blackhand.

ACCUSE BONE OF POLITICS

Attorney Asks Commissioner of Trip to Omaha.

Collins Bound Over to the District Court.

"My son will be able to account for and explain satisfactorily all his movements on the night of Sept. 23, the time he is alleged to have taken on the Hammett to give him \$15,000," said J. E. Collins, 711 Madison street, father of John Collins, who had just been bound over for trial in the district court, following his preliminary hearing in the court of Topeka before Judge Robert Garver.

"I do not blame Judge Garver for deciding that he should be held for trial. Under the same circumstances I would have done the same thing, but at the proper time everything will be explained."

According to the hearing, one of the strongest bits of evidence against Collins, is a chunk of dry mud. Roy L. Bone, city commissioner of finance, testified that at a place in front of the Bradbury farm a spot had been found where the weeds and mud indicated a motorcycle had been, and had been permitted to fall over on its left side. The machine had also been run over a steep bank in such a way that an impression of the front wheel was left in the bank and there was also a distinct track of the rear wheel. The machine had also been run over some hedge thorns. The front tire was corrugated and the rear tire was smooth. Sections of the mud were removed without disturbing the impressions and were found to fit exactly the tires of a machine which Collins had secured from the C. C. Haring company.

W. E. Tucker had previously testified that Collins had taken a machine from the Harding company for trial, explaining he intended to buy it, if it suited his father. Evidence also showed that the same machine had been left at the Baughman ice cream factory, near Twenty-third and Lincoln streets on the night of the attempted hold-up and that Collins had said he left it there on account of a puncture. Tucker, who witnessed the machine, testified that the rear wheel was punctured and that he removed hedge-thorns from these punctures.

He also said the machine was muddy on the left side as would have been the case had it been permitted to fall on its left side. While testimony was being given by Mr. Bone concerning the chunk of mud and how it fitted the machine used by Collins, Collins displayed considerable nervousness.

Go After Bone.

The testimony of Mr. Bone was not without its humorous features. Before being turned over for cross-examination by Judge J. S. Ensminger, representing Collins, he had said he had no interest whatever in the case. Questioned on the matter, his answers from Bone established the fact that Bone was the person who detected the man carrying the machine on the night of the attempted hold-up and that the man resembling Collins standing near the culvert shortly before the flash-light appeared there; that Mr. Bone had made a trip to Omaha at the expense of the man who had secured the services of a detective in Omaha and had searched Collins' room there and had also visited the place where Collins worked in Omaha.

"You have been committing in your efforts to send Collins to the penitentiary, haven't you?" shouted Ensminger. This Bone denied, explaining that he first became interested in the case on account of the absence of Mayor Croftan.

"Haven't you gone into this case to make capital for yourself in running for mayor, was Ensminger's next question, which was also denied.

TO OPEN IN A WEEK.

Colonel Goethals Reports on the Panama Canal Blockade.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Col. Goethals tabled the war department today that traffic through the Panama, blocked by a landslide into Culebra cut Wednesday night would be reopened in less than a week unless there were further earth movements. "There has been a break in the east bank of the canal near Gold Hill," Col. Goethals said. "The canal is blocked for about 1,800 feet. Unless there are further movements, we expect to have it cleaned up and opened for traffic in about a week."

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GUNS IN TREES

Germans in Rush Through the Argonne Forest

Suffer Severely From Fire of the French Gatlings.

EFFORT TO WIN LOST GROUND

Costs Them Dearly and Falls in the End.

Alsace Continues To Be Scene of Daily Struggles.

Paris, Oct. 15.—The steady hammering of the allies on the German left wing of the French battle front has brought them almost within cannon range of the forts at Metz. In spite of this menace the German crown prince's army hangs on doggedly to the position it has taken on the Meuse near St. Mihiel. The fighting on this end of the long battle line is said to have been desperate on the part of both sides during the last week though overshadowed for the time by the operations on the allies' left.

More important developments are looked for between the Meuse and the Moselle where the battle of the four rivers goes on in the west. In the early days of the war the Germans seemed to have the advantage of the allies in the equipment and handling of machine guns. In this hilly, wooded country the French are shown that they can also use them with great effect. The German rush through the Argonne forest, as well as in the hills of Meuse, met with a telling fire of Gatlings from tree tops which was impossible to detect them and every effort to regain lost ground cost dearly and failed.

The French Alpine contingent distinguishes itself in this country. The French are now in possession of the route from Nancy to Metz as far as Dagny on the Lorraine border and menace the route from Verdun to Metz in the neighborhood of Etain, endangering communication of the crown prince's army with the German fortified camp.

Besides the Chasseurs the 149th French infantry has covered itself with glory. After taking a village at the point of the bayonet the infantry men were obliged to abandon the place owing to a murderous artillery fire.

They went back to the attack on the following day, retook the village and held it in spite of a continual bombardment. An entire German brigade was sent to dislodge them but the 149th held the position, inflicting a stinging defeat on their assailants and taking 160 prisoners. At another solidly entrenched village the same regiment swept determinedly forward, digging in step by step until they got right up to the trenches of the enemy, which they carried gallantly at the point of the bayonet, thus gaining a permanent foothold in the support of the entire army. For this exploit the regiment has been named in orders.

Alsace continues also the scene of daily struggles, possessing points of strategic importance. It is difficult to ascertain as fortunes vary so rapidly. Towns are taken and retaken repeatedly. The heavy fighting in the southern end of the battle line indicates that the Germans are fighting by the weakened French forces to regain ground they had lost.

ALASKA SET FREE.

Coal Land Leasing Bill Ready for President's Signature.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Given up as dead legislation less than a week ago, the Alaska coal land leasing bill, revised at the instance of President Wilson and Secretary Lane as part of the administration's program of conservation, waits only its final ordeal in the house virtually without opposition.

The Bering river, Matanuska and Nenana coal fields will be the first surveyed, the government retaining 5,120 acres in the Bering and 7,800 acres in the Matanuska fields and half of other coal areas. To prevent monopoly of these coal resources by a few companies the government reserved the right to mine coal for the benefit of the army and navy or for the operation of the government railroads in Alaska.

A LIFETIME OF PEACE AND A FEW DAYS OF WAR



THE WEATHER RECORD.

Table with columns: High, Low, Rain. Lists weather data for various cities including Amarillo, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Concordia, Denver, Des Moines, Dodge City, El Paso, Galveston, Huron, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Memphis, New York, Oklahoma, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, St. Joseph, St. Louis, St. Paul, Salt Lake, Seattle, Toledo, Washington, and Wichita.

RIGHT WING OF ARMY

[Continued from Page One.] this be so future events only can show, but the British contention is that with the sea binding the German right it loses a weapon heretofore effectively used.

HAWKE IS SUNK.

[Continued from Page One.] to keep the invaders out of the Belgium seaport, but of course events further south will decide the ultimate action with regard to Ostend.

MAKE BIG MONEY.

St. Louis Firms Reap Large Profits on Export Wheat.

THE "MOTOR"

Advertisement for 'The Motor' hat, featuring an illustration of a hat and text describing its features and price.

Waukegan, Ill., Oct. 15.—The late Richard W. Sears, founder of Sears, Roebuck and Company of Chicago, left an estate estimated at \$17,000,000, according to the will filed here Thursday. His widow, Anna Sears, was named executrix of the estate and sole heir.

GAGE PARK BATTLE.

Backwoods Fight Results in Death of a Deer.

As the result of a fight between a buck and a doe at the Gage park deer pens today at noon a two-year-old doe, obtained by the city from a deer farm in Oklahoma recently, was killed.

DEAD MEN REGISTERED.

St. Louis, Oct. 15.—Police detectives who today began an investigation of alleged registration irregularities found five dead men registered in one precinct. The police investigation was ordered after 153 letters sent to registered voters by the board of election commissioners were returned by the postal authorities.

Advertisement for a made-to-order overcoat, featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and text describing the quality and price.

Leaves Estate of 17 Millions.

TODAY'S MARKET REPORTS.

Chicago, Oct. 15.—WHEAT—Wheat bulged in price here today owing to higher quotations at Liverpool and London. Yesterday's large export sales on this side of the Atlantic. One of the largest houses in Chicago was quietly supplying all the wheat on the advance, however, and the gains were soon wiped out. Estimates that the exportable surplus in the United States was three times as large as last year also counted against the bulls. After opening 1/2 to 3/4 higher, and scoring a little further, the market receded to last week's level.

PROVISIONS—Figures continuing reports of a big decrease in the Chicago stock of lard gave support to provisions. Trading though was inactive.

Chicago Grain Market.

Table showing grain market prices for Dec, May, and July for various grades of wheat and corn.

Chicago Live Stock Market.

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Wheat and Flour Market.

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