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## IVANGOROD CAPTURED; RIGA'S FALL IS NEAR; WILHELM TO WARSAW

### KAISER CRASHES THROUGH FORTS AT NOVO GEORGIEVSK

Slavs Battle Their Way Back to Russia Proper.

Blow Up Bridges in Effort to Delay Teutons.

### CZAR'S GREAT ARMY PERILED

Semi-Autonomous Poland Is Planned by Berlin.

German Prince Likely To Be Governor Over Warsaw.

Berlin, Aug. 6.—German troops have broken through the Russian position at the fortress of Novo Georgievsk, and are advancing upon the lower Narew river. The whole of the strongly fortified Russian line on the Vistula river is now swept away. The capture of Warsaw, closely followed by the fall of Ivangorod and Novo Georgievsk, the two strongholds protecting the Polish capital, complete the Austro-German victory in the Vistula fighting.

London, Aug. 6.—12:10 p. m.—With the great Russian fortresses of Warsaw and Ivangorod captured and the fall of Riga, the capital of the Baltic provinces, imminent, the Austro-German onslaught has reached its height in east and the next step will be the German emperor's triumphant entry into the Polish capital. That event is likely soon to be followed by the pronouncement of a united and semi-autonomous Poland, embracing not only the territory wrested from the Russians, but the Austrian crownland of Galicia.

Russ Battle for Roads. Meantime, the Russian armies are fighting their way backward toward Russia proper, inflicting blows on the invaders wherever possible, trying to fend them off the railways running north and south in order that the ends of the German pincers may not meet and, inclosing, bring disaster to Russian arms. The position of the army of Grand Duke Nicholas now is a matter of solicitude as the occupation of Warsaw is believed to be a prelude to a greater purpose, that of enveloping the retreating forces.

Slavs Blow Up Bridges. The Petrograd reports show the Grand Duke has retired to the right bank of the Vistula both at Warsaw and Ivangorod, destroying the bridges at both points and contesting the German advance across the river. Back of retiring Russians is the vast morass of central Poland, with few railways and primitive means of transport. Impossible quick movement of guns and supplies, while back of Warsaw the only fortress available as a rally—  
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## ALL KANSAS IS DRY.

Weather Is Warm and Clear Throughout the State.

Topeka experienced typical August weather today—warm and clear. The temperature in the state as a whole this morning was considerably below normal, but the mercury rose rapidly today. The minimum temperature at Topeka—57 degrees—was the highest minimum of any government station in the state. Sixty-eight is normal for this date.

The forecast calls for generally fair weather tonight and Saturday with not much change in temperature. The wind was from the west this morning—that is, what there was of it. The velocity between 2 and 5 o'clock was but two miles an hour.

The stage of the Kaw river at Topeka today was 12.8 feet, a rise of one foot in twenty-four hours. Little further rise is expected. The stage of the river at Wamego this morning was 14.5 feet, a twenty-four hour fall of .1 foot.

The Republican river at Clay Center showed a slight rise today; the Blue at Blue Rapids was stationary, and the Snooky Hill at Abilene had fallen 2 foot in twenty-four hours. After today—unless there is further rain—the Kaw river at Topeka should fall slowly.

The wind was four miles an hour from the northwest this afternoon.

The hourly readings:

7 o'clock	72	11 o'clock	81
8 o'clock	72	12 o'clock	85
9 o'clock	74	1 o'clock	87
10 o'clock	78	2 o'clock	88

### IVANGOROD IS CAPTURED BY THE KAISER'S FORCES

Vienna, Aug. 6 (via London).—The occupation of Ivangorod yesterday by Austro-German forces is announced in an official telegram from the front.

The evacuation of Ivangorod apparently was admitted last night by Petrograd in an official statement, which said: "In the Ivangorod district the Russians have crossed to the right bank of the Vistula, blowing up the bridges behind them."

A statement issued later in the night explained that the Ivangorod forts were not properly constructed for modern warfare. This statement was made "in reply to the Austrian claim that a great victory was achieved in Ivangorod's capture."

It further states that all the provisions in the city were methodically removed, after which the Russian rear guard blew up the concrete bases supporting the brick casemates of the forts, destroyed the bridges and crossed the river.

Ivangorod is located at the confluence of the Vistula and the Voprz rivers. It is situated on a railroad running to Lubow and Brest-Litovsk, and also on a line connecting with Warsaw.

Berlin, Aug. 6.—(Delayed).—The Russian fortress of Ivangorod, situated on the Vistula river, 45 miles southeast of Warsaw, was captured by the Teutonic armies today.

### PETROGRAD FINDS COMFORT IN EVACUATION OF WARSAW

Petrograd, Aug. 6.—The Russian newspapers today are unanimous in stating that Russia's determination to pursue the war to a victorious end has been strengthened by the capture of Warsaw. The Rech says: "As long as the army is intact we can confidently face the future."

### POLISH CITIES IN FLAMES.

Petrograd, Aug. 6.—(Via London).—A letter from Warsaw dated Tuesday, August 3, received here today, says the towns of Jhrardoff, Groitzi and Blonie all were in flames when the Germans reached them. The Germans are said to be forced to fight persistently in the advance to the Vistula river that the Teutonic armies were preceded by detachments of military firemen.

### BALKANS SOON IN Entente Allies, at Nish, Seek an Agreement.

Russia, Britain, France, Italy Make Representations.

Nish, Serbia, Aug. 6 (Via London).—Another step in the effort being made to bring about a Balkan agreement so that Bulgaria, Rumania and Greece may be mustered on the side of the entente powers was taken here today by the ministers of Russia, Great Britain, France and Italy, who made collective representations to Nikola Pachitch, the Serbian premier.

### BIGGEST DAY YET

Largest Crowd of the Suburban Week Is in Town.

Thursday Doubled the Rebates of Any Previous Day.

A heavy "Suburban Week" business was done today by Topeka stores. The weather was ideal and the out of town crowd was the largest of the week. Day by day the business grows. The records of the Topeka Rebate association show that Thursday twice as many persons applied for the return of their railroad fare as was the case on any previous day. But Saturday will be the final and big day of the bargain event. Not only is a large crowd expected from other towns, but Topeka will take advantage of their last chance to "get in" on the unusual values.

Traveling men state that persons in surrounding towns are commenting favorably on the success of "Suburban Week." There were a few who were somewhat skeptical at first, but that they were wrong only that was being dealt out by the merchants in their advertising. But they have discovered that the bargains are real, and that every possible courtesy is shown.

Topeka could not afford to put on a shopping week that was not a genuine bargain affair," said a Topeka merchant today. "She has a reputation to sustain—that of being the best retail center in the state."

And Suburban week is just as much for local shoppers as for outsiders. The only difference is that the Topeka fans do not get a rebate on railroad fare.

## KAISER'S NEXT BLOW TO SHOCK WHOLE WORLD

Slavs Everywhere in Retreat From Baltic to Galicia.

Forces of Czar Are Threatened With Destruction.

Fortresses Fall Like Tenpins

Novo Georgievsk, Thought Impregnable, Is Shattered.

Rout of Entire Russian Army Predicted by Berlin.

Berlin, Aug. 6.—The greatest military campaign in the world's history is drawing rapidly to a close. The Russians are everywhere in retreat from the Baltic to Galicia, their armies threatened with destruction. Occupation of the great Russian Baltic seaport of Riga by a German

## SCENES IN POLAND FOLLOWING RUSSIAN RETREAT



Austrians repairing roads blown up by Russians in the Warsaw retreat; Polish refugees returning to their homes; Germans pursuing Russians with Red Cross dogs.

army is now only a matter of hours. Ivangorod, the Russian fortress defending Warsaw from the southwest, has been captured by the Austrians, according to an official statement from Vienna.

Novo Georgievsk Gives Up. At Novo Georgievsk, lying north of Warsaw and considered impregnable, the Germans have broken through the fortress and are advancing upon the lower Narew river. The Russian garrison is fleeing to avoid capture at the hands of the Germans.

Von Hindenburg on the north and Mackensen on the south are smashing away simultaneously in attacks against the Russian flanks, squeezing in the wings of the beaten armies and threatening the capture of whole army corps. The world has never seen such a retreat.

In the north, the Slavs are fighting with rare courage and desperation to save the Warsaw-Petrograd railway toward which General Von Euelow is battering his way.

Russia's Brave Resistance. In the southeast, the enemy's resistance is equally determined, the flower of the Russian army endeavoring to halt Mackensen's rush northward in the direction of Brest-Litovsk, a movement which spells disaster to the Russian left.

Between these two wings the Slavs are fading back steadily, attempting to wheel more than a million men into a straight front to stop the German steam roller. The greatest strategists of the ages could not conduct such a gigantic retreat without sustaining heavy losses in guns and men, in the opinion of military men here. Consequently, the rout of the whole Russian army was predicted in military circles here today.

To Shock the World. So engrossed is the German public in the mighty effort now being made to cut off the Russian retreat that there was little speculation here today regarding Germany's next move. In official circles the hint was dropped last night that the next stroke of the German armies will astonish the world.

From Warsaw itself little information had been received here today, though it was understood that the official circles the hint was dropped last night that the next stroke of the German armies will astonish the world.

## MORE MARINES TO HAITI

Entire Regiment Has Been Ordered to Troubled Republic.

Philadelphia, Aug. 6.—It was reported here this afternoon that a regiment of marines has been ordered to Haiti. It is said the marines will leave here Monday on the cruiser Tennessee which has been ordered to the Philadelphia navy yard from New York.

## MEXICAN BANDITS KILL AMERICANS

Outlaws Sweep Down on Texas Village of Sebastian.

Slay Head of Law and Order League, and Son.

U.S. TROOPS RUSHED TO SCENE

Rangers Join Cavalrymen; Battle Is Imminent.

Reign of Lawlessness Along Border Is Unabated.

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 6.—Mexican outlaws today raided the village of Sebastian, thirty-seven miles north of here, killing two men. United States cavalrymen from Harlingen, twelve miles distant, have gone to Sebastian. Fifteen rangers and armed men started from nearby points for Sebastian and practically every man in Harlingen armed himself preparing to hunt for the outlaws. Two Americans Dead. The dead are Al Austin, president

## AUTO BUYERS ENRICH STATE

License Fees Paid Into Treasury for Last Fiscal Year

Amount to \$48,959.25—Gain of 60 Per Cent.

ONLY A SMALL PART OF IT

The Bulk of License Fees Goes Into Road Fund.

Shawnee County's Portion Last Year Was \$1,566.25.

If the purchase of automobiles by residents of a community is an indication of prosperity, other states in the Union have had a hard time following the Kansas trail during the last two years. Records of receipts from automobile and motorcycle licenses, as compiled by W. E. Davis, state auditor, show an increase of sixty per cent in the last year. In other words Kansas in the last year bought sixty per cent as many auto-

## FLOWERS ARE STREWN ON GRAVE OF MRS. WILSON

Rome, Ga., Aug. 6.—Scores of children and many adults placed flowers on the grave of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson today, the first anniversary of her death. The hour from 9 until 10 o'clock this morning was given over to the children and many of them came with only a single blossom to place among the mass of floral tributes sent by organizations in many parts of the country. The Ellen Axson Memorial association planned to hold services at the grave late today. Dr. G. S. Spilner of the First Presbyterian church, who conducted Mrs. Wilson's funeral, will lead the services.

## NEGRO IS MOBBED

Oklahomans String Up Black to Telephone Pole.

Culprit Swung to Death in Street at Shawnee.

## DEPUTY SHERIFF DISARMED

Officer and Prisoner Surprised Under Cover of Night.

Negro Confesses to Crimes Against Many White Women.

Shawnee, Okla., Aug. 5.—Ed Berry, negro, charged with attacking two women and suspected in connection with ten other crimes that have occurred here in the last three years, was taken from officers early today and hanged to a telephone pole immediately south of the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe railroad bridge, on Beard street, in this city.

Berry was brought here from the prison at McAlester for trial. He was accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Gus Mitchell. Previously Berry had been spirited away to Oklahoma City to avoid a possible lynching.

Officer and Prisoner Surprised. When the trial arrived here early today the deputy and his prisoner alighted from the train. Suddenly Mitchell was covered by six-shooters in the hands of a dozen masked men, who appeared out of the darkness. It was a complete surprise, and with a harmless attempt at gunplay, the officer submitted to the inevitable and was relieved of his weapons.

Ten or twelve automobiles loaded with masked men made their appearance and the negro was quickly conveyed to the Beard street bridge over the Santa Fe river. The scene of one of the crimes accredited to Berry.

When the rope was adjusted around the neck of the man he was given an opportunity to confess. He was trembling like an aspen leaf and it seemed impossible for him to talk. He was questioned about the several crimes and was asked if he was guilty. In each instance he nodded his head affirmatively.

Lynched by Masked Men. In every instance the negro's victim was a white woman.

Following the confession, the negro was hanged in the presence of about 75 men, all masked, after which the crowd quickly and quietly dispersed. At daylight the body of the negro was cut down and removed to an undertaking establishment. A coroner's inquest will be held this afternoon.

Since the last crime with which he was charged, committed on the night of July 11, Berry has been carried from one place to another and made in the prison at McAlester for safe keeping.

It was intended to bring Berry's case up for hearing in the superior court here August 9.

## Florida Negro Mobbed

Trilby, Fla., Aug. 6.—A mob attacked the jail at Dade City early today, overpowered the jailer, seized Will Leach, a negro, brought him here and hanged him in front of the railway station. He was charged with attacking a 13-year-old white girl here June 30.

## OFF FOR WAR ZONE

Battery D Leaves Ft. Riley for Mexican Border.

Will Travel by Special Over the Rock Island.

Following another Mexican war scare, troop movements over western railroads are becoming heavy. This evening at 7 o'clock the Gun Pacific will deliver to the Rock Island at Manhattan a special train carrying Battery D, Sixth field artillery, to the Mexican border. Battery D has been camped on the reservation at Fort Riley for the last two or three months while schooling artillery of the national guard during maneuvers.

Thursday evening a Rock Island special carrying Battery A, Fifth field artillery, to the border left Fort-Sill, Okla.

The special which leaves Fort Riley this evening will consist of seven flat cars, ten stock cars, four boxcars, four tourist sleepers and one baggage car. The destination of Battery D will be Nogales, Ariz. The battery consists of five officers and one hundred and fifty men. E. Easton, city passenger agent of the Rock Island at Topeka, will accompany the special train to El Reno. Battery A will go to El Paso.

## GENERAL TRACY IS DEAD

Secretary of Navy Under Harrison Expires After Long Illness.

New York, Aug. 6.—Gen. Benjamin F. Tracy, who was president Harrison's secretary of the navy, died of paralysis here today in his eighty-fifth year, after a period of unconsciousness lasting nine days.

One hundred and eighty-eight passengers, among them twelve Americans, were aboard the steamer on the day the cargo as well as the baggage of the passengers had been closely examined for bombs.

Weather Forecast For Kansas. Generally fair tonight and Saturday, not much change in temperature.

## STANDPATTERS ARE UNDULY STIRRED UP

Governor Capper Expresses His Opinion of Dean and Clark.

Declares He Will Support the Republican Nominee.

HE IS PROUD OF HIS RECORD

Fears of Critics Not Generally Shared by Republicans.

Progressives Appointed Because They Are Better Men.

Dean and Clark are unduly alarmed. That was the statement which Governor Capper made today concerning the recent interviews from officers of the Republican League, attacking his favoritism to Progressives and the attitude of his publication toward conservative Republican presidential candidates. In an interview today, the governor stated that he expected to use his personal influence in the support of the Republican presidential nominee. He also assures Kansas Republicans that his paper will fight the cause of Republicanism in the next campaign.

Governor Capper does not deny that the progressive wing of the party has been favored with the big end of the appointments during his administration. This fact, he explains, is due to his effort to select capable, efficient public servants.

The fact that the governor's publications have lambasted conservative leaders is explained as the privileged right to discuss candidates before the convention. After the convention, says the governor, he will support the nominee. Then, says the executive, "Every Republican should forget his ante-convention preferences and give loyal support to the nominee. That's what the Capital will do and what I intend to do."

"It seems to me Mr. Dean and Mr. Clark are unnecessarily alarmed and that their fears are not shared by any considerable number of Republicans," said the governor today when requested by the State Journal for a statement concerning the Dean-Clark charges. "I am rather proud," he continued, "that no Republican or Progressive newspaper in Kansas has criticized my administration."

"Most of them are giving it their hearty support. To the best of my knowledge there has not been a time in many years when harmony of purpose prevailed so generally in the ranks of Kansas Republicans. I believe we shall see the governor align with a united party, giving vigorous support to the wholesome and broadly constructive program already under way, and having the power of such concerted action to give it full effect and force."

"Mr. Clark and Mr. Dean criticize my newspaper for its attitude, and its attitude to consider certain prospective candidates for the presidency. The Capital believes that the best interests of the party and of the nation

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## HOW IT WAS FOUND

Valencia Gas Discovery by Geo. Anderson, Mail Carrier.

Heard Mysterious Noise in a Meadow on Morris Farm.

When George Anderson, a Topeka mail carrier, started across a hay field on the E. C. Morris farm, near Valencia, to examine a rick of hay in view of buying it, he heard a noise—half whistle and half roar—coming from the ground in a ravine. He turned to investigate and made the remark to a companion that there must be a broken gas main somewhere near. Near the place he found that the sound came from a small crevice in the ground. A match over the little crack in the earth caused a thin flame to shoot up for several feet. Anderson investigated and made the first indication of gas which is today being discussed in every farmhouse for miles around the little village west of Topeka.

Few days later J. C. Randall discovered a black substance seeping from the ground in a swampy place in his alfalfa field. Water standing on the ground was all colors of the rainbow. He jokingly remarked to his wife that there was an oil well on the farm.

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## BOMB ON SHIP ARABIC

Dynamite Found on Vessel on Which Americans Sailed.

New York, Aug. 6.—It became known at police headquarters today that a stick of dynamite was found aboard the White Star liner Arabic before she sailed from this port for Liverpool on July 8.

The explosive, in such a state of deterioration that experts say it would have exploded at the slightest jar, was found by a stewardess between hot and cold water pipes. It was wrapped in newspapers. The explosive was discovered the day before the steamer sailed with nearly 16,000 tons of cargo, almost all of which was war supplies.

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of the Sebastian Law and Order league, and his son.

The league recently forced several men of bad reputation to leave Sebastian, which is little more than a scattering settlement of farm houses, with some cross-roads stores.

About 8:30 this morning Austin and his son were running a corn sheller when armed Mexicans galloped up, taking both into the brush nearby. There, Austin and his son were killed. Yesterday a band of Mexicans raided a ranch in the Sebastian section, stealing five horses, two saddles, two rifles and a pistol. They got the drop on some cowboys on the ranch, keeping them covered with pistols for about an hour.

Adjutant General at Brownsville. State Adjutant General Henry Hutchings arrived here today from Austin to confer with local officials on measures to repress lawlessness.

A Sebastian storekeeper named Alexander, said there were twelve mounted armed men in the party of bandits. All of them appeared to be Mexicans of middle age. They robbed his store.

His first intimation of trouble was when he turned and saw two rifles pointed at him as four of the Mexicans quietly entered his place. The Mexicans robbed this store of the proceeds of stamp sales.

## BASEBALL TODAY.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. At Philadelphia—Detroit-Philadelphia game postponed; rain. Two games tomorrow.

St. Louis at New York—game postponed; wet grounds.

Cleveland at Boston—double header, postponed; rain.

FEDERAL LEAGUE. Kansas City at Newark—game postponed; wet grounds.

Chicago at Brooklyn—game postponed; wet grounds.

mobiles as in all former years.

When a man buys an automobile, he is compelled to buy a new license tag each year the machine is in use. So when the state license department opened in July, 1913, Kansas bought for the cars of the vintage of 1901 as well as the new 1913 model sixes. As a result of the first year's business, there was turned into the state treasury a total fee fund of \$30,702.

That wasn't all of the revenue from the automobile and license business. Far from it. That money merely represented 75 cents retained by the state from each \$5 automobile license and 50 cents to the state from each (Continued on Page Two.)

## NAB STARR 'PALS'

Three of Bandit's Confederates Taken Near Sapulpa.

Officers Foil Attempt to Liberate Bank Robbers.

Chandler, Aug. 6.—The jury in the case against Claud Sawyer, charged with being a member of the Henry Starr gang which robbed two Stroud banks, this afternoon returned a verdict of guilty. Judge Charles B. Wilson immediately sentenced Sawyer to five years in the state prison.

Sapulpa, Okla., Aug. 6.—Charged with being members of the Starr gang of bank robbers, and suspected of being implicated in the robbery of banks at Keifer and Keystone, Walter Spess, S. K. Russell and "Boss" Erwin, all heavily armed, were arrested today while encamped near Chandler, Okla., where alleged members of the Starr band are being tried.

Three members of the band that raided the Stroud banks are known to have escaped and were believed to be hiding in this country.