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NEW SCHOOL RULE

Kansas Public Educational Institutions Open Soon.
Fire Drill Must Be Held at Least Once a Month.
WILL GUARD CHILDREN HEALTH
State Board of Health to Manage Sanitary Conditions.
Fifteen Thousand Teachers Will Be Employed This Year.

When Kansas schools open for the autumn session this year several new orders will be in effect. Chief among these is the order of the state fire marshal that fire drills must be held at least once monthly in every school in the state. County and school authorities throughout the state have been directed to see that this order is complied with. In issuing the order, L. T. Hussey, state fire marshal, pointed out that a disastrous fire may occur in a small school house as well as in a school building of several stories. He asserted that there were thirty-five fires in school buildings reported to the fire marshal's office in 1915, having a property loss of \$100,000. Another point he urged was that all school doors should swing outward.

Another joint order of the state board of health and the state department of public instruction in which much interest has been manifested is that directing county officials to make a thorough sanitary inspection of all school premises. Because of the danger of water contamination from wells located near cemeteries, a number of school wells have been condemned by the state board of health and letters have been sent to the boards of education of districts which have school houses erected close to burying grounds asking that the buildings be removed at once.

Nearly 15,000 teachers are to be employed in the schools of Kansas this year, it has been announced at the state department of public instruction and yet all vacancies in the various counties have been supplied and it has been asserted that there are about 700 more teachers seeking positions.

This condition has manifested itself, it is said, despite the fact that while formerly high school work was not required for the issuance of a state teachers' certificate, stricter regulations have been adopted. A state law now provides that teachers must not only be graduates of high schools, but obtain first and second grade certificates, but to obtain certain other certificates must have had college work.

ONE DICTATOR IS SUNK

Mystery Surrounds Identification of Ship Bagged by Germans.

London, Sept. 7.—The Central News says the Harrison line steamer Dictator was sunk several days ago and her crew of forty-two was landed without casualty. There is no confirmation of this report.

Under the recent ruling of the British admiralty details concerning the sinking of vessels by submarines are withheld, but the implication of the foregoing dispatch is that the Dictator was attacked and sunk in the war zone about the British islands. The Harrison line steamer Dictator, 4,116 tons, gross, and owned in Liverpool, sailed from Pernambuco, Brazil, August 31, for Cabudlo, Brazil. Subsequent movements have not been reported, but as she requires about seventeen days for the voyage to England she could not have reached the war zone "several days ago." It is possible that some other Harrison line steamer, or another vessel named Dictator, of which there are several, has been sunk.

LAWMAKER ON STAND

Congressman Garner to Testify in Texas Election Scandal.

Corpus Christi, Tex., Sept. 7.—The presence of Congressman John N. Garner to testify for the defense in the trial of forty-one citizens of this city for alleged election frauds in the United States district court, which begins today, was made known shortly after the crowds began to gather at the court room.

Mr. Garner, who was one of the congressmen voted on in the election of 1914, was asked by Col. J. F. Wolters, of Houston, of counsel for the defense to come from Washington as a witness for his clients.

It is the election of Mr. Garner and that of Congressman-at-large Jeff McLemore that give the United States court jurisdiction in the charges.

HUNT JURIST'S SLAYER

Providence Officials Believe Knowles Killed by One Who Feared Law.

Providence, Sept. 7.—Efforts today were made by the authorities to trace the movement of persons alleged to have shown unfriendliness toward Justice Willis S. Knowles of the Eighth district court, who was murdered at North Scituate yesterday. Early in the day no arrests had been made.

The police held to the theory that the justice was shot by some one who feared prosecution as a result of Justice Knowles' activities in enforcing the fish and game laws.

WOULD JESUS THRESH?

Congregation in Harvest Field; Minister Talks to Empty Pews.

Danville, Ill., Sept. 7.—"Would Jesus Christ, were he living today, thresh on Sunday, knowing that by so doing he would save \$10,000?" was the subject of a sermon preached by the Rev. J. M. Judy, pastor of the Methodist church at Sidney near here Sunday.

While he talked to empty pews the members of his congregation were in the harvest field threshing the oats crop that has been delayed for more than a month because of the heavy rains.

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