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MONDAY EVENING.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, SEPTEMBER 13, 1915.

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## STATE'S GREATEST FAIR OPENED IN TOPEKA TODAY

### "FIRST FREE FAIR" ATTRACTS RECORD CROWD TO TOPEKA

Early Morning Trains Jammed With Visitors to Exposition.

And on the Highways—Gee, You Ought to See the Fords!

DAY STARTS WITH A ZIP HERE

Speeches by Governor, Mayor, and a Street Parade.

Racing, Monoplane Flights, Wild West and All.

TOMORROW IS A BIG DAY

Topeka Day, Derby Day and Reunion of Old Soldiers.

And the Best of All—It Hasn't Rained a Drop Yet.

### HERE'S RECORD TOPEKA SETS FOR STATE FAIR.

More than 300 carloads of exhibits from New York, Kansas, Wisconsin, Texas, Ohio, Indiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri, Iowa, Colorado, Texas and a number of other states.

Four hundred and three entries in the harness races. More than 300 head of horses in the show and exhibit classes. Practically every horse has ribbons to its credit.

Eight hundred head of cattle exhibited in the livestock pavilion. Seven hundred head of hogs in the swine department.

Three hundred and fifty head of sheep from the famous herds of the west and east.

Two thousand birds exhibited in the poultry pens. Six hundred classified exhibits in the agricultural hall not including the thousands of specimens not classified. Some of the classified exhibits consist of three hundred separate specimens.

One thousand exhibits in the horticultural department. Six thousand separate exhibits in the textile, art, culinary department in art hall.

Ten acres of machinery exhibits. The fastest track bookings in the history of the state, auto races, polo games, monoplane flights, horse shows and hundreds of other attractions.

### TONIGHT'S PROGRAM.

6:00—The grounds and all buildings and exhibits brilliantly illuminated by electricity, open free to the public.  
7:00—Wild West Show and Georgia Minstrels. The Giant Cannon and the Ferris Wheel.  
8:00—Grand concert by Marshall's Military band and soloists in front of the grandstand.

### TUESDAY.

Topeka Day.  
Kansas Derby Day.  
Old Soldiers' Day.  
Tuesday, September 14.  
7:00 a. m.—Gates open, free to all.  
7:30 a. m.—Beginning of 3 day butter fat contest.  
9:00 a. m.—Judges will meet at their respective departments and proceed with judging, which will continue until completed. Judging of stock in live stock arena.  
9:30 a. m.—Tractor plowing demonstration.  
10:00 a. m.—Parade in Sunflower trail.

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

1:00 p. m.—Marshall's Military band concert in front of the grandstand.  
2:00 p. m.—Racing: 2:14 trot, \$1,000; free-for-all pace, \$1,000; 3-year-old trot, \$500; the Twelfth Kansas Derby, a race for 3-year-olds and upward, \$250; 5 furlongs for 3-year-olds end upward.  
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8:00 p. m.—Grand parade of draft horses in the Horse Show arena.  
8:15 p. m.—The Horse Show. Judging of classes in the brilliantly illuminated arena in front of the grandstand.

It is not strange that Kansas should hold the first free fair. Kansas always leads. The Topeka exhibition is easily twice as attractive as any ever held by any other state.—Governor Capper.

At 2:45 o'clock this afternoon, officials of the fair association estimated that more than 10,000 persons were on the grounds. Crowds were pouring through the

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### ESSAD TO DECLARE SELF 'BIG CHIEF' IN ALBANIA

Rome, Sept. 12.—A scutari dispatch to the Giornale d'Italia says that Essad, former provisional president of Albania, is marching against the Mirdites, meeting with slight resistance. The Mirdites are reported to have sent an envoy to him to treat for peace. It is supposed Essad intends soon to proclaim himself supreme chief of Albania.

### AKERS PLANS BETTER ROADS

State Treasurer Urges Bond Issue of 25 Millions.

Kansas Will Be Out of Debt Jan. 1, 1916.

### WANTS AUTOMOBILE FUND

Spent Under the Direction of the State Authorities.

Believes Population Would Double in Five Years.

Twenty-five million dollars in bonds for permanent state highways is proposed by Earl Akers, state treasurer. He will advocate a constitutional amendment for internal improvements and a subsequent bond issue by the state for permanent road building. He also urges an amendment to the state automobile license law, placing expenditure of the fund under state direction.

Akers's road plan has the endorsement of hundreds of good road boosters and will be a real issue before the 1917 legislature. January 1 the state will be free from debt and will at that time pay off the last dollar of her bonded indebtedness. Because of the state's excellent financial condition, Akers believes a 25 million dollar issue for permanent highways would be the best investment the state could make.

Recently Akers returned from a trip to California. He was greatly impressed with the state's highway building and believes Kansas should follow the lead of California.

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In the center, Crown Prince Leopold has forced his way over the Zelivka and is attacking in the vicinity of Skidva.

In the south field, Marshal Von Mackensen, on both sides of the Pinsk railroad, is pressing eastward toward the Dvina.

These movements have resulted in the capture of several thousand Russians.

The final objective of the central powers in this campaign is still a matter of conjecture, but General Ruzsky, commander of the northern Russian army, declares positively that there is no danger that Petrograd will fall this year before the guns of the invaders.

Germans Fall in West. A German attack north of the Somme section was easily repulsed today's French war department states.

Should the two questions be decided in favor of the dry Kansas will become so dry and droughty that the mere thought of a bottle of beer will be as a dream of yesterday. Both questions will be decided both by Brewster and the courts in the next few weeks and Kansans who fear the results will probably make advance arrangements for the future. Next to real, simon pure, honest to goodness

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### FIRE CURBED ON VESSEL

Saint Anna With 1,600 Italian Reservists Aboard Reported Safe.

New York, Sept. 12.—The Fabre line steamship Saint Anna, which was on fire in midocean is safe and proceeding under escort to the Azores, according to a telegram at the company's local offices today.

The Saint Anna has on board some 1,600 Italian reservists bound from the United States.

Halifax in Suspense. The marine and fisheries department here has received no word from the liner Saint Anna since the brief message received last night by way of Cape Rice telling of her plight nearly 1,000 miles off this port. Agent Harvey said the steamer was directly in the lane of travel between New York and Mediterranean ports and he believed that by this time other steamers were standing by.

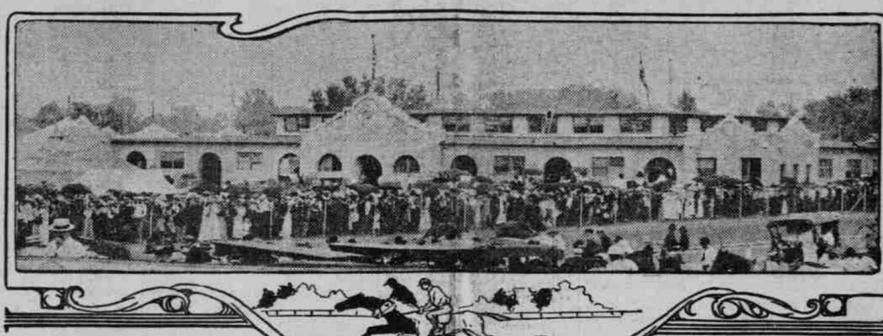
### PENNSYLVANIA OIL UP

South Penn Company Advances Principal Grades 5 Cents.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 15.—Five cents a barrel was added to the price of the principal grades of crude oil today, the South Penn Oil company announcing these prices: Penn, \$1.65; Mercer Black and Newcastle, \$1.25; Cabell, \$1.25; Corning, \$1.12; Somerset, \$1.08, and Ragland, unchanged, at 65c.

Missouri Deputy Shot. East St. Louis, Sept. 12.—Armandus Hieronymus, a deputy sheriff of St. Clair county, was shot and seriously wounded while sitting on the porch at his home here today. The deputy sheriff said he saw someone prowling in his yard and shot at him. At the same instant someone else shot the officer in the back.

### CROWD AROUND LIVESTOCK PAVILION TODAY.



### TEUTONS RUSH ON

Kaiser Wins Against Russ Except on Galicia Line.

Von Hindenburg Hurls Legions Along the Dvina.

### MANY SLAVS TAKEN CAPTIVE

Ruzsky Says Petrograd Won't Fall This Year.

Bulgaria Said to Have Struck Bargain With Turks.

Berlin, Sept. 12.—The battle along the Dvina river, which has been virtually in a state of deadlock for several days, has swung in favor of the Germans. The war office announced the Russians had been ejected from several positions on the left bank of the river. This battle probably will decide the fate of Riga.

London, Sept. 12.—The Austro-German armies on the eastern front still striving for definite results are making progress everywhere except along the Galician frontier, where the Russians report hard success.

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### REAL FAIR WEATHER

Six Successive Days of the Same is the Forecast.

Fair week opened with ideal weather today and the prospect is for a continuation throughout the six days. Temperatures are at the midsummer standard and conditions are promising for the corn crop. The highest temperature Sunday was with three exceptions the highest reading this year. The lowest reading Sunday night was 72, which is 4 degrees above the normal midsummer night temperature.

There is little chance to break any records today, for the mercury reached 104 on this date in 1893. The lowest temperature recorded on September 12 was 34 in 1890. The forecast calls for generally fair weather with a continuance of high temperatures tonight and Tuesday.

High temperatures prevailed all over the state Saturday and Sunday. The highest temperature reported was 100 degrees at Liberal Sunday. At only a few points in the state did the highest temperature show below 90 degrees. No rain has fallen in the state in the past forty-eight hours and there is no prospect for any immediate precipitation.

The Kaw river has fallen to 7.4 feet, the lowest stage reached since the middle of May of this year.

Today was the windiest day in Topeka since June 10. The velocity was 34 miles an hour and the wind was from the south all day. The average temperature was 11 degrees above normal for this date, although the mercury did not reach Sunday's high mark. Following are the hourly temperature readings for today:

7 o'clock ..... 73 11 o'clock ..... 83  
8 o'clock ..... 76 12 o'clock ..... 86  
9 o'clock ..... 79 1 o'clock ..... 88  
10 o'clock ..... 81 2 o'clock ..... 85  
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Make Million Smokes a Day. Tampa, Fla., Sept. 12.—The cigar industry here is now at its height. Over 8,000,000 cigars or more than 1,670 cases are being turned out weekly. This makes over a million "smokes" a day. Tax receipts for one day last week showed over \$3,000 worth of stamps sold.

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Generally fair and continued warm tonight and Tuesday.

### PROBE ORE 'TRUST'

Zinc Smelting Firms Put on Grill in Missouri.

Barker Charges Combine in Restraint of Trade.

### KANSAS CONCERNS ACCUSED

Inquiry Started Today Before Special Commissioner.

Attorney General Alleges Deadly Boycott Is Used.

Joplin, Mo., Sept. 12.—An investigation into an alleged smelter trust in which twenty-eight zinc smelting companies are defendants, will be started here before Special Commissioner Frank McAllister of Paris, Mo., at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Assistant Attorney General Lee E. Eking is representing the state.

Unlawful Pool Is Charged. Information filed against the smelting companies by Attorney General Barker charges that "each and all of the persons, companies or corporations have entered into and become parties to an unlawful pool."

The trust was heard by nearby detachments, who located it, the pumping plant on the Los Indios project, but assistance which was rushed to the beleaguered men came too late to prevent the casualties. The squad of troopers was fired upon from the darkness by a gang estimated at forty in number. It is thought the bandits have crossed into Mexico.

The Americans were from Troop C, Twelfth cavalry, and were in charge of a non-commissioned officer.

Immediately on receipt of the report of the fight, Col. A. P. Blocksom, commanding at Fort Brown, left for the scene to make an investigation.

General Nafarrate, commanding in Matamoros, had been requested by

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### HO, BAKERS COME!

Kansas Association Meets in Topeka Tomorrow.

Local Committee Plans Big Time for Visitors.

Some time in the future Topeka will entertain a huge convention, the meeting of the Trans-Mississippi Association of Master Bakers, now being organized. Tuesday morning the Kansas association, which will affiliate with the larger organization, will meet in Topeka. Three hundred visitors will be here this week for the convention.

The Kansas bakers will each bring a specimen of their workmanship. The sessions will be held in A. O. U. W. hall on West Sixth street. The local committee on arrangements is composed of W. H. Kientz, Louis Heil and G. L. Jordan.

Governor Capper and Mayor House will deliver addresses of welcome Tuesday afternoon. President J. V. Ostberg of Salina will respond.

W. H. Kientz of the Avalon bakery, chairman of the executive committee of the association, said today that the meeting of the committee Tuesday morning will be an important one.

"We will have to formulate some plan for Kansas to get her fair representation in the Trans-Mississippi association," he said. "No state organization will lose its identity. When the plans are completed, it will mean that instead of several hundred bakers attending conventions in several states, several thousand will go to meetings in one city. Some day Topeka will be favored by such a convention."

### BANK ROBBER IS SLAIN

Thieves in Fatal Duel Over Spoils After Sioux City Raid.

Sioux City, Ia., Sept. 12.—As a sequel to the robbery of the Farmers and Merchants bank Saturday afternoon one member of the band which held up Ralph M. Tritz, the assistant cashier, is dead. He was slain late last night in a pistol duel following a quarrel over the division of the spoils.

The police have been unable to identify the murdered man. He was identified by the bank cashier, however, as one of the three highwaymen who took \$75 from the bank after holding up Tritz and locking him in the vault.

Charles M. Ford, one of the men said to have been in the house where the murder occurred, was arrested. He told the police a third man, Paddy Driscoll, had been wounded in the pistol fight.

### BASEBALL TODAY.

At Boston—First game— I H E  
Score: ..... I H E  
Chicago, ..... I H E  
Boston, ..... I H E  
Batteries: Scott, Cicotte and Schalk; Leonard and Carrigan.

### HIGH LIGHTS IN GREAT WAR A YEAR AGO TODAY

The Germans are making a stand at the River Aisne, according to the French war office. The French Germans are preparing to resist further advances north of Rheims. Berlin, via Sayville, denies Allies' victory in the battle of the Marne, but says the German plan of campaign has been changed. Von Hindenburg's army has defeated the Russians and crossed the Russian frontier, Berlin reports. Shattered Austrian armies are making desperate stand before Przemyśl.

### BERSCH IS HELD ON ARSON CHARGE

Vice President St. Louis Insurance Agency Arrested.

Alleged Plots to Promote Burning of City Buildings.

### ONE MAN MAKES CONFESSION

Admits Making Plans With Bersch Before Blaze.

More Evidence in Startling Incendiary Combine.

St. Louis, Sept. 12.—Julius R. Bersch, vice president of the Bersch Fire Insurance Agency company, was arrested today just after he had given \$2,000 bond in the circuit court to answer any charge that might be placed against him in the inquiry into alleged incendiary plots.

The arrest of Bersch was the sixth to be made in the investigation of the alleged industry of promoting fires.

Bersch had voluntarily given bond to avoid being arrested.

Bart Kearney, in charge of the detective bureau investigating fires, said today the circuit attorney has stenographic reports of conversations with Bersch and Herbert O. Baker, arrested Saturday night, had with Joseph C. Christen, secretary of the Christen Bellows company, on the matter of increasing his fire insurance preliminary to the starting an incendiary fire.

Chief of Police Young said today he expected any merchant that makes a confession and that the police are looking for another man.

### MUST STAY ON JOB

Wilson Tells Virginians He Can't Go to Manassas.

Situation Too Grave to Permit His Thoughts Afield.

Washington, Sept. 12.—President Wilson expressed his view of the gravity of the international situation which confronts the United States to a delegation of Virginians, who asked him today to visit the Manassas battlefield late this month.

"We are all hoping and praying that the skies may clear," said the president, "but we have no control of that on this side of the water, and it is impossible to predict any part of the course of affairs."

The president was reminded that some time ago he had promised to go to Manassas to dedicate a tablet. "When I made that promise," the president told the delegation, "things were just beginning and a good many things have happened since which have altered not only the aspect of our own affairs, but the aspect of affairs of the world. My experience here day by day is that questions turn up so promptly and so many that I cannot promptly and sometimes with so much thoughtful discretion that I really dare not let my thoughts go out to other matters."

"I could not go to Manassas without having something to say. It would not be worthy of the occasion if I did not make preparations worth while, and that is out of the question. My thoughts are mortgaged beyond recall for the present."

"I simply feel that I have forfeited my liberty for the present and that my nearest duty is the most obvious and imperative duty. I have been obliged to say this to all invitations, however tempting in character, and I would not be worthy of your trust if I did not come to such a conclusion, because I know you want these important things to be done with the best we can, and I ought not to send my thoughts afield."

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### 'I KILLED URBINA-VILLA'

General Reports His Former Friend Had Become 'Intolerable.'

Washington, Sept. 12.—Confirmation of the execution of General Tomas Urbina, by General Villa, was received directly from Villa today by Enrique Lorente, his agent, here. In explanation of Urbina's execution, General Villa sent this statement:

"Some time past the behavior of General Tomas Urbina has become intolerable because without any scruples whatever, he executed all persons who incurred his displeasure. Of his acts he gave of late no account whatever to headquarters nor to any authorities whom he was obliged to respect and obey."

### LYONS CASE PUT OFF

Ouster Proceedings Continued Today Until Wednesday.

Ouster proceedings against Timothy Lyons, Wyandotte county commissioner, were today continued until Wednesday. The continuance was on motion of the state.

Proceedings for the removal of Lyons were filed in the Wyandotte county district court several weeks ago under the direction of S. M. Brewster, attorney general. It is charged that Lyons has violated his oath of office and has appropriated certain public property belonging to the county. The attorney general's office will assist in the prosecution of the case.

### MORE 'ACCIDENTS' LIKE ARABIC SHOT ARE THREATENED

Germany Will Take No Chances Against Ramming.

Relief Lies Only in Modification of British Order.

### PLUNGER ISSUE STILL MENAGE

Bernstorff's Talk With Lansing Fails to Remove Danger.

### "Understanding" Has to Do Only With Past Cases.

Washington, Sept. 12.—An "amicable understanding" was reached today by a conference between Ambassador Bernstorff and Secretary Lansing. It was stated this afternoon. But a point of great danger in the German-American situation, it was learned on the best authority, threatened future friction.

There was no reason to believe that this "understanding" concerned only the case of the Arabic. America, it was understood, has agreed to arbitration on the question as to whether the U. S. boat commander in the particular instance was warranted in believing the liner was attempting to ram his submarine.

M. C. Trouble Ahead. But the danger that the Arabic incident will be repeated with a possible loss of more American lives has not been averted, it was learned on the best authority. The German ambassador frankly told the state department that similar "mistakes" by German submarine commanders may occur in the future—unless America induces Great Britain to rescind her alleged order to merchantmen to ram submarines on sight.

It was understood also that, if the arbitral decision goes against her, Germany will admit her liability for final damages on account of the two American lives lost by the sinking of the Arabic.

Future "Mistakes" Still an Issue. But the question of "future mistakes" was left still in issue. This is a very important point. Germany's latest position, as it heads are in great danger, according to the German view point, and in all cases Germany will give the submarine commander the benefit of the doubt.

For this reason, it was pointed out, "mistakes like the one which caused the Arabic's destruction are apt to continue." The only alternative, according to the German view, is for the British to revoke the alleged ramming order. It was suggested that, if the United States wishes to remain neutral, she would take this matter up with the London admiralty.

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### POSTAL WANTS TO QUIT

Syracuse Fights to Keep the Wires There.

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### TO ARREST ARCHIBALD

United States to Meet Dumba's Agent With Warrant.

Washington, Sept. 12.—It became known from an absolutely reliable source today that Correspondent Archibald will be put under arrest by the United States government upon his arrival in the United States.

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### AGAIN RAID EAST COAST

No Casualties in Zeppelins' Latest Attack on England.

London, Sept. 12.—Another Zeppelin raid was made over the east coast of England last night. There were no casualties.

Steam Engineers Meet. Columbus, O., Sept. 12.—The national convention of the National Association of Steam Engineers commenced here today. About 2,500 delegates and visiting engineers, together with their families are attending.

### BULGARIANS IN ITALY ARE CALLED TO COLORS

Rome, Sept. 12.—All Bulgarian reservists in Italy have been recalled to the colors. Transportation expenses are being defrayed through the Italian here.