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Now for a fair week and Topeka will soon have even more for which to be thankful.

The Lapland on which traveled the Anglo-French financial commissioners who have arrived in this country to negotiate a large loan, was conveyed, and safely, through the German submarine war zone, to the British Isles by two of the destroyers of the British navy.

Why not the same precaution with all the passenger ships leaving and arriving at British ports?

Another Missouri county has voted "dry." But, of course, it wasn't Jackson county wherein is located the Kansas City that waxes so fat on its liquor traffic, and particularly on that large part of it which so increases the burdens of Kansas in the enforcement of its prohibitory law.

Our memory goes back to the time, ruminates the Houston Post, strange as it may seem, the light of the present situation, when one of our main reasons for being glad we weren't a girl was because girls had to wear so many clothes.

ONLY A WINNER WANTED. Nobody has much use for a loser, Grand Duke Nicholas, hailed as the greatest of his officers and the most popular man in Russia when the Russian armies were staging their dazzling successes in the Carpathians.

But the turn in the tide of Russia's fortunes has resulted in his being deposed from the command of the Russian forces and sent to a rather obscure post where he will probably put in most of his time thinking that autocracies as well as republics are ungrateful. And the probabilities are that Grand Duke Nicholas would have made a much better showing with his armies when the Teutonic allies behind their famous drive had the home folk provided his soldiers with sufficient munitions of war to put up a good fight.

New York City's pride in her population of 5,066,222 is probably dampened a bit by thoughts of the divers and complex problems that such an enormous citizenry compels her to solve.

WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS. Dr. Crumblin's swiftest against the high cost of living is a worthy undertaking, but it is going to be a difficult job to educate most folk to the fact that the cheaper cuts of meat and lower priced foods are the divers and the more expensive foods and sometimes more so. Too many people struggle along under an obsession that the more a food product costs the better it tastes.

Why any special efforts on the part of the Federal Reserve Board to "make the American dollar supreme in the world of finance" when it has already achieved that distinction through its own solid efforts?

LOSING THE GROWNUPS. Considerable progress has been made all over this country during the last few years in decreasing the infant mortality, but the life insurance experts have collected statistics which show that of late years there has been an increase in the deaths of grownups from diseases of the heart, arteries and kidneys and that this is due to the failure of people to observe the rules of hygiene. Isn't there a tremendous amount of carelessness in this old world?

With the Germans scoring successes, even though they are small ones, in the western arena of the war, it would appear that the forces of the Allies that were so haven't been putting in their peaceful summer there in an advantageous manner.

OUR RAILROADS AND DEFENSE. Although problems of military transportation should be stated by the military strategist, it may be permissible to suggest one, in order to show the complexity and importance of their elements, writes Charles O. Haines in the North American Review for September, and he continues: Let us suppose that an enemy had invaded New England. Let us imagine an army being rushed forward from the Great Lakes to the aid of the defense. The approved plan for military purposes might select the New York Central lines with all of their tracks for

debt—two billion and a half may be regarded as the maximum amount that can be raised by empire and states in time of peace. The inevitable current expenditures, civil and military, will absorb a billion and more. With all due allowance for underestimation of such requirements and for overestimation of total revenues, we may safely claim a possible billion of revenues for the service of the debt. On a six per cent basis, a billion of revenue would provide for a debt principal of sixteen and two-thirds billions. Germany can do this by reckoning carry on the war until the autumn of 1920 without becoming actually insolvent.

THE FREE FAIR IS ON.

After the keys to the gates were formally thrown away this morning and the gates themselves were then torn from their hinges, Topeka launched a fair that is unique in the history of agricultural expositions in this country. It would appear, in fact, that the ideal in the fair line, as an agricultural show is, in fact, an educational institution, and free education is the keystone in the arch of the firm foundation on which this nation has been built.

From the agricultural exhibition standpoint the fair is a gigantic success, the exhibits in all lines comprising the greatest array of such things that have ever been assembled on a Kansas fair grounds. It remains to be seen whether the people of Topeka, Shawnee county and the rest of Kansas, will show by their attendance the appreciation on their part that is due such an undertaking; and also take advantage of their opportunities to familiarize themselves with the best that there is in the agricultural arena and the methods by which it can be attained.

There seems to have been plenty of (various testimonies) during the last few days that Old Lady Summer didn't lose any of her strength by being delayed in transmission.

WHEN TO PLANT WHEAT.

Kansas farmers will do well to paste in their hats for guidance the Hessian fly free date for the planting of winter wheat. According to Mr. Martin, secretary of the state department of agriculture it ranks in the eastern third of the state from October 1 in the northern tier of counties to October 14 in the southern tier and in all the rest of the state from September 23 in the northern counties to October 11 in the southern ones. The time to sow the Hessian fly effectively is before he gets on the job.

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MISS LOULA LONG HERE

Daughter of Kansas City Millionaire at Fair Grounds.

Miss Loula Long, daughter of Robert A. Long, the Kansas City multimillionaire, arrived in Topeka this afternoon in her private car. Miss Long will show her father's horses at the Topeka horse show. Her car with a specially built palace stable car for her horses has been switched to the fair grounds. Fourteen horses from the Long stables have been at the fair grounds for the last two days.

Miss Long is the most of her own entries. She is accompanied during her trip to Topeka by a party of friends. While here she will live in her private car at the fair grounds.

DUMBA PACKS TRAPS

Austrian Ambassador Fires Chauffeur and Gets Ready to Go.

Lenox, Mass., Sept. 12.—Dr. Constantin Theodor Dumba, whose recall was requested by President Wilson, was preparing today to leave his summer home here within a short time.

He has engaged a furniture packer to prepare his personal effects for shipment. He also has notified his chauffeur that he would not require his services after the end of the week.

RUSS CABINET ON JOB

Petrograd Issues Official Denial of Reported Resignation.

Petrograd Sept. 13.—Official denial was made here today of a report falsely circulated in America that the Russian cabinet had resigned. The report was said to be absolutely without foundation. Members of the Goremynkin ministry were in their offices as usual. Premier Goremynkin himself is now at the army headquarters conferring with the czar.

LOCAL MENTION.

J. C. Wolcott, the well known Topeka photographer, has been appointed official photographer by the Kansas State Fair association.

Suits dry cleaned 75c. Topeka Laundry Co. Phone 3653.—Adv.

Dr. E. P. Skaggs, a Topeka dentist, who has been seriously ill for the past ten days has been taken to St. Joseph hospital. Dr. Skaggs suffered a relapse and his condition is critical.

Have your suit or overcoat made to measure, \$17.00, at Olof Ekberg, 708 Kansas ave., second floor.—Adv.

The Farmers' Exchange mill, 15th and Fillmore, will not make deliveries Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. John Banerman.—Adv.

It will pay you to get our estimate on that lumber bill. Phone J. B. Whelan & Co., 711 E. 4th.—Adv.

Geo. Fenn and wife of Ottawa are here attending the fair and visiting his sister, Mrs. Waddie, 149 West street.

Wisconsin Wants Democrats. Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 13.—Wisconsin Democrats, who will hold their annual conference during the progress of the state fair, which opened here today, will consider means for bringing the national Democratic convention to Milwaukee.

Father of Cork Industry Dead. New York, Sept. 15.—William King, who was known as the father of the cork industry in America, is dead at his home in Perth Amboy, N. J. Mr. King was born in England 97 years ago.

Step Ladders at Forbes.—Adv.

BRAINS AT HELM

Genius Mobilized to Fight if War Comes.

Naval Advisory Board Made Public by Daniels.

EDISON HEADS NOTABLE LIST

Inventive Geniuses Named by Eleven Societies.

Maxim, Whitney, Emmett in Galaxy of Experts.

Washington, Sept. 13.—The membership of the naval advisory board, the organization of which was announced by eleven great engineering and scientific societies to contribute their inventive geniuses to the American navy, has just been announced by Secretary Daniels. The first meeting will be held at the navy department Wednesday, October 6, with the chairman, Thomas A. Edison, presiding.

"Desiring to make available the latent inventive genius of our country to improve our navy," said Mr. Edison in his announcement, "a short while ago I requested Thomas A. Edison to become chairman of an advisory board of prominent men who would make up the board. Mr. Edison, with the patriotism characteristic of American inventors, accepted the call to duty."

The plan adopted for selecting the members of the advisory board was as follows: I requested eleven great engineering and scientific societies to select a popular election of members and to represent them on the board. The result has been most gratifying. I have received from the nations all these societies and have accepted them and it only remains to have a meeting, organize and determine the method of procedure in the future. It is a great advantage this mobilization of the talent and genius of our great country.

The members of the board, and the societies which nominated them, are: "American Aeronautical Society"—Hudson Maxim, Brooklyn, ordnance engineer; Howard E. Coffin, Detroit, Mich., and Andrew J. Riker, Bridgeport, Conn., inventors, automobile appliances; John H. Doolittle, inventor of large automobile manufacturing companies.

"The Inventors' Guild"—Dr. Peter Cooper Hewitt, inventor of electric lamps, and telephone, hydroplanes, aeroplanes, balloons and electric lights; and Thomas Robbins, Stamford, Conn., inventor of many mechanical devices including the belt conveyor for coal and ore; served in the New York naval reserve and observed military conditions at the front in France during the war.

"American Chemical Society"—Dr. W. R. Whitney, Schenectady, N. Y., creator and director of the research laboratory of the General Electric Company; H. C. Bakker, chemist, Yonkers, N. Y., a native of Belgium, famed particularly for the invention of a photographic paper.

Edison's Early Aide is Honored. "American Institute of American Engineers"—Francis Gilman Sprague, New York, an early assistant of Edison, who directed the building of the first successful electric trolley railways in New York city and elsewhere.

"American Mathematical Society"—Robert Simpson Woodward, president of the Carnegie Institute at Washington, D. C., and an authority on astronomy, geography and mathematical physics; and Dr. Arthur Gordon Webster, Worcester, Mass., professor of physics at Clark university, inventor and the leading authority in America on sound.

"American Society of Civil Engineers"—Murray Hunt, New York, graduate of the United States naval academy and experienced in development of hydro-electric steam and gas plants; and Alfred Craven, New York, son of the late John Craven, admiral and now chief engineer of the New York public service commission.

"The American Institute of Mining Engineers"—William Leroy Emmett, Schenectady, N. Y., engineer and inventor and first serious promoter of electric ship propulsion, having conducted the recent epoch making series of experiments on the naval collier Jupiter; and Spencer Miller, South Orange, N. J., inventor of a device that changes a single coil of shops and of the breeches bolt device now used by the coast guard service in shipwreck rescue work.

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SNAP SHOTS

AT HOME NEWS.

A petition for the paving of Huntington avenue from Van Buren to Harrison streets, was presented to the city commission last night.

Miss Leta Myers, who taught in the Indian school in New Mexico last year, has been transferred to the Kansas school near Horton, Kan. Miss Myers was in Topeka Saturday on her way to Horton.

John C. Myers and wife, Missa township, August boy, Clark township, Bertha, and wife, 1208 College avenue, September 6, girl.

L. Schupp, an instructor in history at Washburn last year, has gone to Richmond, Ind., where he has accepted a position as instructor in history and economics at Earlham college.

He graduated from Washburn, who filed suit recently to compel the state printing commission to allow him the contract for compiling the annual directory of the state, has been granted until Wednesday to amend his petition. Judge George H. Whitcomb heard the pleading Friday and set the time for amendment.

A mammoth chorus, consisting of 1,000 children will be given by the entertainment to be given by the veterans club at the county fairgrounds, Kansas State Teachers' association. The announcement of the club's program was made last night. A few days ago the members are being completed for carrying it out.

Just ten for farmers and their families has been pitched at the fair grounds by the Shawnee County grange. The grange has a large exhibit, which is open to the public. Interesting exhibits are also displayed by the grange. Officers are: J. C. Myers, president; J. A. Ostead, secretary.

Yearly election of officers for Marshall's band was held Sunday morning in the band rooms. D. G. Kline, who said the director of the band for the year, was re-elected to the same position. B. Marshall was elected assistant director and secretary. S. H. Suez, treasurer; C. W. Chapman, president; H. H. Barnes, vice president, and C. M. Morrow, librarian.

An independent jitney car collided with the information booth at Eighth and Kansas avenues last night. The car was driven by a man who was nearly tipped over and two occupants of the booth were badly scared. A policeman, who was on duty at the time, saw the car men, extricated the machine and re-ordered in the booth.

The street car men imported by the Topeka railway company for fair week were supposed to stay at the Y. M. C. A. Plans had been made for the car men to stay in the third floor of the building. Officials of the fire marshal's office interfered, on account of the narrow stairway, and the men were forced to seek lodgings elsewhere. Sixteen of them are staying at the Y. M. C. A. across the street from the Y. M. C. A.

Another chapter in the Topeka Community club's fight for another pavement on Kansas avenue, between Third and Fourth street, will be added to the record this morning when the city and pep committees will take the matter in hand sometime next week. It is the Community club's plan to have half a street with asphalt or other smooth substance for auto wheels and the other half paved with cobblestones.

Elmer Gibbons, a barber, talked himself into trouble Sunday afternoon when he tried to get his father, who lives at 100 to H. H. Delk, 504 Chandler street. Gibbons got "beaved" because "Dad" dogged him and began to swear. He called the police. The stream of oaths disturbed the entire neighborhood, and a warrant was sworn to charging Gibbons with disturbing the peace.

Speed is the slogan upon which the Topeka police are working this week. Chief Harvey Parsons has five automobiles at the disposal of his officers and any call received at police headquarters will be answered immediately. One call was for a call to "We want to keep this city just as it is. We don't want any more speed. We want to make arrests as quickly as possible."

Motion pictures on Biblical subjects are proving popular at the Central Congregational church where they are shown all summer. Sunday was "John Bunyan Day" at the church. In the morning the great story of the life of Bunyan was read. The Rev. W. W. Bunsen, pastor, presided. The program was "Pilgrim's Progress" in the morning service and moving pictures of the life of Bunyan were shown in the afternoon. Pictures presented this summer were "Samson and Delilah," "Joseph's Trial in Egypt," and other films.

WELLS WANTS DIVORCE

Former Topeka Theater Man Asks Decree in Leavenworth Court.

Leavenworth, Kan., Sept. 13.—S. R. Wells, through his attorney, W. W. Hooper, has filed suit in the district court asking a divorce from his wife, Gertrude Wells. Gross neglect of duty and extreme cruelty are set forth as the cause of action.

The couple were married on November 16, 1910, the petition states. The plaintiff avers that he has conducted himself as a dutiful and loving husband while his wife has disregarded her matrimonial vows. He alleges that she went to Wichita and sent him a check for \$1,000, which she had with her. She is employed in the revenue office. They have no property, according to Wells.

Wells was formerly manager of the Novelty theater in Topeka. His wife was Miss Gertrude Mellinger, better known as "Peggy." She was employed at the Majestic theater for a while and later worked for W. H. Pepperill at the Democratic state headquarters. When Pepperill became internal revenue collector with office at Leavenworth, Mellinger was given a position there.

Miss Mellinger was Wells' second wife. His first wife was a Leavenworth girl. She secured a divorce in Topeka several years ago and afterwards married the late Paul Mulvane. Both Wells and his wife were well known in Topeka.