

Thirty years ago today, Oct. 22, 1885, the present proprietor of the State Journal was an unsuccessful bidder at auction for the property—3 days later, Oct. 30, 1885, he obtained the property because the bidder ahead of him failed to qualify—but that's another story.

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ENEMY TROOPS MAY HAVE LOST IN SERBIA FIGHT

Bulgars Drive Force Across Vardor, South of Strumitsa.

Hint of Decisive Battle at Point Picked by Allies.

INVADERS CRUSHING SERBS

Kamanovo and Veleze Are Reported Occupied.

Nish-Saloniki Road Is Severed at New Point.

GREECE SPURNS BRITISH OFFER

Athens to Stick to Policy of Armed Neutrality.

Both Sides Claim Victories on Eastern Front.

Athens, Oct. 22.—The Serbians have repulsed a force of 60,000 men on the north Serbian border with enemy casualties of 60,000, according to a message from Nish to the Serbian legation here today.

Bulgarian troops have driven an opposing force across the Vardar river in Southern Serbia, south of Strumitsa, the German war office announced today.

The Berlin announcement may mean a defeat for the entente troops, which were reported to have advanced into Serbia at this point on their way to the assistance of the distressed Serbian armies, although recent advances have been that the allied reinforcements for the Serbians were being held at Saloniki until sufficient forces were assembled to carry out the contemplated operations.

The Nish-Saloniki railroad in the section south of Strumitsa follows closely the course of the Vardar river, and the reported Bulgarian victory may indicate the cutting of the railway at a new point, not far north of the Greek border.

Bulgarians Forge Ahead. Bulgarian forces have had another success further north, having reached and occupied Kumanovo, also on the Nish-Saloniki line about thirty miles south of Vranza, where they had previously cut the line and about eighteen miles northeast of Uskub.

WILSON CASH TO TRIO

President Sends \$25 for Each of Illinois Triplets.

Mattoon, Ill., Oct. 22.—Checks for \$25 each have been received from President Wilson for the triplet born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Woodworth, who live near here. The names of the triplets are William, Woodrow and Wilson.

The president's letter expresses a hope that the triplets always will be a source of joy and pride to their parents, and that they will grow up to be men who will be an honor not only to their father and mother, but to the nation.

PRESS ADOPTS SIMPLIFIED SPELLING

Chicago, Oct. 22.—The twelve words proposed by the simplified spelling board in its effort to accustom the general public to the use of simplified spelling were endorsed today by the Illinois Daily Newspaper association in a communication to its members throughout the state. The words approved are: tho, altho, thru, thruout, thoro, thoroly, thorough, program, progog, catalog, decalog and pedagog.

HIGH LIGHTS IN EUROPE'S WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

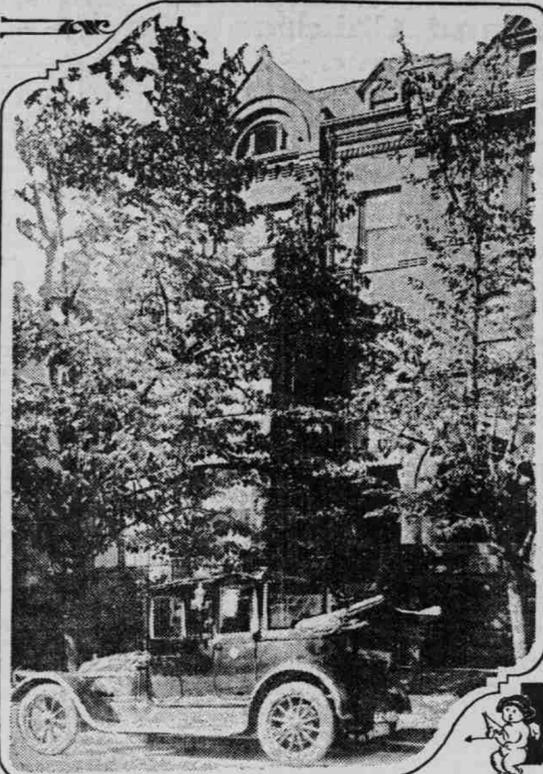
German left wing re-enforcements didn't prevent an Allies' advance at La Bassée, France said, France retook Altkirch, Upper Alsace, unofficial report said.

Belgium and France line successes and Yser canal and Dixmude advances were reported by Germany also a Russian repulse west of Augustowo. Capture of Czernowitza, capital of Galicia, by the Germans, was reported by Vienna.

Germany retreating in Russian Poland and moving back on the river Warthe before Russian advances, Petrograd said. The German cruiser Admiral Scharnhorst has sunk 12 British merchantmen off the Canary islands London said. Copenhagen reported 30 armored lighters being constructed at Kiel to take German troops to the English coast.

The Japanese captured a German destroyer fleeing from the bombardment at Kiao-Chau bay.

PRESIDENT WILSON GOES A-COURTING



President Wilson's automobile in front of Mrs. Galt's residence.

Wilson's automobile is often seen standing in front of the residence of Mrs. Norman Galt at 1308 20th street, Washington, these days. It is in this house that rumor declares the wedding will take place during the Christmas holidays.

THEY FAIL TO PAY MAKE COAST SAFE

Kansas Corporations Don't Observe Semi-Monthly Day.

State Labor Department Will Send Out Inspectors.

DESERTING THEIR PEACE PACT? REGISTRY FOR ALL VESSELS

Companies Had Promised to Trade "Worse for Bad."

State Will Begin Its Prosecutions if Law Is Violated.

There is trouble in store for the Kansas corporations which have failed to adopt the provisions of the new semi-monthly pay day, effective in Kansas July 1, this year. Complaints have come to the state labor department from a number of employees who assert that their employers have failed to conform with provisions of the new law.

A special investigator may be sent from the labor department in a few days to check up on the workings of the new pay day act. Whether the law has been generally accepted as a peace agreement and unless immediate action is taken, the state will then begin prosecution under the provisions of the law.

All of the larger corporations in the state, including the railroads, have adopted the semi-monthly pay day plan.

A change from the monthly to the semi-monthly pay plan means several thousand dollars a year in the operating expenses of the larger corporations. But in the main, the law was observed without protest or objection.

In fact the passage of the act was generally accepted as a peace agreement between the railroads and the 1915 legislative members. Employees wanted something. The legislature refused to grant either the full crew bill or other drastic legislation. So after a lengthy dead-lock over public service corporation legislation, an agreement was reached which resulted in the passage of the semi-monthly pay day.

"A number of corporations, however, have failed to observe the provisions of the new law," said Paul McBride, state labor commissioner. "We propose to check up these concerns and unless immediate steps are taken toward observance of the law, the state will begin prosecutions."

J. T. BOTKIN LANDS IT

Topeka Will Have 1916 Convention of State Secretaries.

Topeka will entertain the 1916 meeting of the Association of American Secretaries of State according to a telegram received at the Commercial club from J. T. Botkin, the Kansas secretary of state, this noon.

Secretary Botkin, who was the Kansas delegate to the meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, this week, pushed hard for Topeka and succeeded in getting the convention for this city next year.

The exact date of the meeting has not yet been arranged. Botkin stated in his telegram to J. Will Kelley, secretary of the Commercial club, Beverly, Mass., Oct. 22.—Mrs. Lawrence Swift, widow of E. C. Swift, founder of the Swift Packing company of Chicago, is dead at her summer home at Prides Crossing. Mrs. Swift was formerly Miss Bailey, of Lowell.

TROOPS TO BORDER

Renewal of Bandit Raids Spurs Up U. S. Officials.

Texas Rancher and Wife Are Wounded by Outlaws.

YAQUIS KILL 44 SOLDIERS

Mexican Detachment Ambushed by Band of Indians.

Reds Reported Marching on U. S. Sugar Plantations.

Washington, Oct. 22.—The Twenty-eighth regiment of infantry has been ordered from Galveston to Harlingen, Tex., by the war department, as a result of renewal of bandit raids on Texas border towns.

The troops will be used by General Funston to give added protection to small posts, such as that at Ojo del Agua, where three soldiers were killed and eight wounded yesterday morning in a bandit attack. The Twenty-third infantry, now at Jacksonville, Fla., in connection with the national rifle matches there, will also be returned to Galveston, where it will be held in reserve for use on the border.

The department of justice will deploy more agents about the Mexican border immediately to co-operate with the war and treasury department to meet raids and violations of the embargo on arms.

After receiving information from Secretary Garrison regarding border raids Attorney General Gregory conferred with President Wilson and announced that the number of department of justice agents would be increased.

Bandits Wound Rancher and Wife. San Marcos, Tex., Oct. 22.—Alfred Wilke, ranchman, and his wife were dangerously wounded with knives in a battle with three Mexican bandits who attacked their home near Martindale last night. Two of the bandits were captured. (Continued on Page Six.)

SAVE STATE FUND

Dr. Crumline Creates Economy Bringing \$100,000 Annually.

Diphtheritic Anti-Toxin Stations Throughout Kansas.

As a result of the recent signing of a contract with an eastern wholesale drug house and the establishment of diphtheritic anti-toxin stations in various parts of the state, Dr. S. J. Crumline, secretary of the state board of health, today asserted that his department has derived an enormous saving.

The contract provides that the serum may be purchased by the state board of health at one-third the former price. As a result the department has established a distributing station in every town in Kansas of more than five hundred inhabitants where the anti-toxin is given to the indigent poor and is sold to other persons at the cost price. This alone, Dr. Crumline points out, with diphtheria in almost epidemic stages in several states, means an enormous saving.

For years the state board of health has been distributing vaccine for smallpox and anti-toxin for tetanus to the poor persons of the state at actual cost. Now diphtheria anti-toxin and typhobacterins have been added to the list of serums handled in that way.

SELLING ITS TREES

Kansas Walnut Crop for European Gun Stocks.

In addition to reaping a harvest from the European war through the sale of its grain and live stock, Kansas, especially northeastern Kansas, has derived an enormous profit from the sale of its walnut lumber crop, to be used to make gun stocks, to agents of factories having European contracts for the manufacture of small arms.

SWOBODA IS NOT A SPY

Suspect Long Held by French Is Discharged by Authorities.

Paris, Oct. 22.—Raymond Swoboda has been discharged from prison, the charge of espionage on which he was held having been dropped recently. He has been General de Lenz's secretary, however, pending the settlement of the question of his nationality.

Swoboda, who denies that he is a German and claims American citizenship, was arrested in June on a charge of setting fire to the French line steamer La Touraine.

GARRANZA TO CO-OPERATE WITH U. S. ALONG BORDER

Brownsville, Tex., Oct. 22.—An active campaign against bandits on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande by General Eugene Lopez, Carranza commander in Matamoros, was promised today by Jose Z. Garza, Carranza consul here. Mr. Garza said General Lopez has requested more troops in order to handle the Mexican side of the raids.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Constitutionality of the prohibition law, effective in Washington January 1, 1917, was argued before the supreme court today. The liquor interests filed the suit.

LEARN TO FIGHT!

President of Northwestern in Topeka, Advises Colleges.

Military Preparedness in the Schools, Says Dr. Harris.

SPOKE TO WASHBURN TODAY

Tells Students Not to Give Up When Team Loses.

Old Grads Give Luncheon for Well Known Educator.

Military preparedness in American colleges can be as great a factor for peace as for times of war, according to Dr. A. W. Harris, president of Northwestern university and one of the prominent educators of the United States, who came to Topeka today to attend a luncheon given in his honor by the Northwestern club of the city.

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NEW WABASH CHARTER

Steps Taken at Indianapolis to End Receivership.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 22.—A charter for a new Wabash railroad, the purpose of which is to take over all the Wabash railroad property now in the hands of receivers, was filed with the secretary of state here today.

The capital stock of the new company was placed at \$1,245,000 and a fee of \$142,460, was paid to the state. The stock in the new company is divided as follows: Four hundred and sixty thousand shares of common stock, and 475,000 shares of 5 per cent profit sharing preferred, 499,700 shares of 5 per cent convertible preferred, and 475,000 shares of common stock. The par value of the shares is \$100 each.

A meeting of the directors of the new company was to be held here late today at which it was understood Edward F. Kearney, president and receiver of the old Wabash Railroad company, would be elected president of the new company.

Those named as directors in the charter are: Samuel Armstrong, H. Bruce Campbell, Robert Goetz, Lawrence Greer, Edward W. Kearney, W. C. Maxwell, George W. Murray, Robert H. Nelson, John C. Otteson, Winslow S. Pierce, Lyman Rhoades, William V. Stuart, James E. Tausie, Allison E. Stuart and Henry Rogers Winthrop.

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Tomorrow's State Journal

Love in a Jiffy! How does that sound to you? Such things occur right here in little old Topeka—and it's running mother's "It's time to come to bed, Lucy," cry, down the front stairs, clear out of the house and into the street.

Now to the sublime. Several Topekanes were talking about prayers the other day. Prayers from the ignorant, the immoral, the destitute, the illiterate. There's a real job in this story. You should read it.

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MUST FURNISH GAS TO TOPEKA AND OAKLAND

Local Company Would Compel Kansas Natural to Act.

T. F. Doran, for Consumers' Company, Files Petition.

MAY HAVE TO QUIT BUSINESS

Topeka Concern Says It Is Losing Money Now.

Another Bad Tangle in Gas Rate Case Controversy.

Thomas Doran of Topeka, an attorney for the Consumers' Heat, Light and Power company, today filed a petition with the public utilities commission, which seeks to compel the Kansas Natural Gas company to furnish an adequate supply of gas for general use in Topeka and Oakland. It is the first move to compel the Kansas Natural to furnish gas to its distributing agents and may cause as much trouble as the long drawn out rate cases.

Judge E. F. Foley of the commission said the Doran petition would be accepted, but doubted the advisability of mixing issues at this time. Immediately the petition aroused deep concern among the attorneys in the gas case and raised issues as to the commission's power to compel the Kansas Natural to act.

Doran's petition recites that unless adequate pressure and supply is furnished by the Kansas Natural, the local gas company will be compelled to quit business. Under present conditions, he urges, the local company is losing money. If urged its patrons to buy coal for use during the winter months and has sacrificed revenues that would be secured through an adequate gas supply.

"Unless a sufficient supply for light, heat and power is provided," says Doran's petition, "no rate that may be fixed, less than the rate usually charged for lighting and cooking only, will yield a profit and enable it to continue the distribution of gas."

In other words, Doran indicates, the Consumers' company, now in the hands of receivers, must have a supply of gas sufficient to meet all demands, and to meet the rate or must quit business. The whole proposition checked up to the commission right in the midst of the gas rate fight.

"I doubt the expediency of complicating matters before the commission by this action at this time," said Judge Foley, following the filing of the Doran petition. "The petition, however, will be accepted."

Pipe Line Capacity, Too. "The matter of rates does not seem to be the only issue before the commission," said Chairman Bristow commenting on the new issue in the controversy. "It seems there is a pipe line and pipe capacity issue as well as rates and supply."

"It is a question of getting the gas and whether the lines can carry a supply adequate to meet the demand," replied Robert Stone, attorney for the Kansas Natural receivers.

Complicated It More. Fred S. Jackson, representing the utilities commission, stated that the commission could not compel the gas company to go beyond the borders of the state to get a pipe line which complicated the Doran demand.

Chester I. Long, of Kansas Natural receivers, contended that the commission could not compel the gas company to go beyond the borders of the state to get a pipe line which complicated the Doran demand.

More Clear Skies. The weather continues fair and the prospect is for a normal day. All moderate temperatures will continue. The forecast is for fair weather tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature, but almost perfect calm prevailed this morning, the wind only making one mile an hour. The direction is south.

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BASEBALL FOR MEXICO INSTEAD OF BULL FIGHT

Los Angeles, Oct. 22.—Venustiano Carranza, general of the de facto government in Mexico, is going to encourage the American game of baseball in the republic as a substitute for bull fighting and other diversions along the border, according to Adolfo Carrillo, his consular agent here.