

PUTTING on a good front is all right if you have something substantial behind it.

WEATHER forecast for Kansas: Fair tonight and Friday; colder tonight.

HOME EDITION

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OLD SOLDIERS TURNED ADRIFT

Discharged From Dodge City Home for Signing Petition.

Investigation Reveals a State of Demoralization.

TWO SALARIES TO ONE FAMILY Probe Is Inserted by Staff of the Grand Army.

Dishonorably Discharged Veterans Ordered Reinstated.

[By Staff Correspondent of the State Journal.]
Dodge City, Kan., Nov. 18.—Turned back into the world without a home to go to, Civil War veterans from the state soldiers' home came before Department Commander C. A. Meek and his staff today to plead for protection. With tears in their eyes, veterans told of the alleged oppression in the state home under the present administration.

Charged with signing a petition which set forth deplorable conditions in the home, a half dozen veterans were given dishonorable discharges on the grounds of insubordination. In every case brought to the attention of the department commander and his staff, the men were ordered reinstated. Protection was promised every old soldier who desired to state his complaint. As a result of this statement, many complaints concerning treatment of inmates of the home were brought before the department commander and his staff.

One of the first men to tell his story to the official staff of the G. A. R. was J. N. Baker, who came to Dodge City through a young Kansas blizzard to tell of his dishonorable discharge.

"The commander of the home said that I signed the petition complaining of conditions and was ordered to leave the home by Monday night," Baker told the board. "I haven't a cent."

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GET WICHITA MAN

Veterinary Held for Robbery of Chautauqua Bank.

Dr. Wildes Attempts Escape; Expect Another Arrest.

Wichita, Kan., Nov. 18.—Dr. C. R. Wildes, a veterinary surgeon of this city, was arrested here last night on a state warrant charging participation in the robbery of the Chautauqua bank at Chautauqua, Kan., a week ago, of \$900. The cashier was held up by two men.

Chautauqua county officers claim that a motor car, which the robbers abandoned two miles from Sedan, has been identified as Dr. Wildes's car. Wildes refused to make a statement today.

The Kansas supreme court last week denied an appeal from this county in a liquor selling case in which Wildes was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to serve seven months in jail. He was at liberty on bond.

The other man in the bank robbery is said to be in Las Animas, Col., and officers there have been asked to arrest him.

Wildes made an effort to escape from the city this morning by saving the bars of a cell window with a knife which had been converted into a saw. The jailer heard the noise and prevented the attempted jail delivery. Sheriff H. S. Powell of Chautauqua county said he would take Wildes back this afternoon.

BOMBS ON BELLUNO FAILED TO GET HERE

Austrian Aeroplane Injures Three Persons in Italian City.

Belluno, Italy, Nov. 18.—An Austrian aeroplane threw five bombs on the city at 8 o'clock this morning but only one of them exploded. Three persons were slightly injured. No material damage was done.

Parade Attacked From Sky.

Paris, Nov. 18.—A hostile air craft flew over Verona, Italy, this morning, several bombs being thrown from the machine, according to a Havas dispatch from Rome. One child was slightly injured. There were no other casualties, nor was any material damage done, the dispatch states.

PUP BY PARCEL POST

Poodle Dog Makes Trip From California to Texas by Mail.

San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 18.—Despite the fact that the postal regulations say no live animals shall be carried by parcel post, a little white poodle dog traveled the distance from Los Angeles, Cal., to Brownsville, Texas, more than 2,000 miles, by parcel post, reaching the owner Wednesday. The dog was mailed in Los Angeles three days ago. Thirty-five cents in stamps were affixed to a paper tag attached to his collar.

PENROSE ENTERS RACE

Pennsylvania Senator Admits His Candidacy for President.

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 18.—Senator Boise Penrose of Pennsylvania, who was here Wednesday as one of the party escorting the Liberty Bell, on tour, admitted he would be a candidate for the presidency. Mr. Penrose said that at the proper time he will make a formal statement.

U. S. SURVIVOR OF ANCONA GIVES THE LIE TO VIENNA

Washington, Nov. 18.—An affidavit by Dr. Cecile Grell of New York, the only native American survivor of the Italian liner, Ancona, directly contradicts the Austro-Hungarian government's official statement that the ship was not shelled by the attacking submarine after she stopped. The state department today was notified of the existence of her affidavit by consular dispatches.

Secretary Lansing will take no action, however, until more definite information is received. This is expected by cable from American consuls, and possibly from the French government, which is understood to be taken depositions.

The state department holds that Mrs. Grell's charge that the submarine fired on the Ancona after the ship stopped, may be taken as conclusive evidence. Whether warning was given still is an open question.

It was pointed out today that because Mrs. Grell was the only native American survivor of the disaster, she would not attach to her statement.

THIEF RUNS BAR

Fools Police for Time in Darling Chicago Holdup.

His Ruse Finally Fails and He Is Locked Up.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Luke Ward, who admitted he had just finished serving a term in prison for robbery, with a companion tried to rob a saloon today and run it, too, but failed because a policeman just happened to know the bartender Ward impersonated. He succeeded, however, in demonstrating he had a winning way with animals, for the saloon watchdog did his best to help along the holdup.

The first step in the holdup scheme worked according to schedule. James Mahoney, manager, Clements Brown, night bartender, and a customer in Sol Browarsky's bar were robbed and bundled into a rear room, where they were covered under a pistol held by Ward's helper. Ward, to deceive passersby, who might peep through the window and see him taking money from the till, donned the bartender's apron. Frank Schmidt, waiting at a nearby corner for Mahoney, came back to see what was delaying his friend. He peeped through the window, noticed Mahoney was gone, saw the strange bartender and notified the police before returning to investigate further. Ward opened the door.

"Come on in, we are playing a little pitch," invited Ward. Schmidt entered, was relieved of eight cents and bundled with the other prisoners into the rear room. Soon a wagon load of blue coats surrounded the saloon. Ward had locked the door and the saloon watchdog was licking his hand when the sergeant rapped.

"Ha, ha, sergeant," laughed Ward. "Somebody has been kidding you. No robbery here. Goodnight." The police drove back to the station, but before the robbers could escape, Patrolmen Bywater, Miles and Martin strode along and Martin observed the bartender was a new one. He telephoned the station, and, returning, shouted to Ward.

"Go on about your business," replied Ward. "Brown's off tonight and I am taking his place." Martin visited the patrol box again and had the station call Sol Browarsky, owner of the saloon, at his home and ask if Brown was on duty. Brown was, according to Browarsky.

The next contingent of blue coats entered from the rear and Ward was still behind the bar in his apron, and the watchdog again was licking his hand.

Ward's companion escaped before the police arrived the last time.

BRITISH SMASH TURKS

English Troops in New Offensive Capture 280 Yards of Trenches.

London, Nov. 18.—The British army at the Dardanelles has resumed the offensive and captured 280 yards of trenches.

Official announcement was made that the fifty-second division had successfully attacked the Turks in the Krithi-Sullah, near the tip of the peninsula. It captured 150 yards of trenches to the east of the defile and 120 yards to the west.

TWO DOLLAR OIL

Goal Long Sought by Producers Is Reached.

Jump of Ten Cents in Series of Rises.

MILLIONS OF BARRELS SOON

Advance Expected to Bring Out Stored Supply.

Drills, Too, To Be Busier Than in Long Time.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 18.—Two dollar oil, the goal of hundreds of producers throughout the country, was reached today when the South Penn Oil company announced the second advance in crude oils for the week as follows: Pennsylvania crude, \$2; Mercer black, Newcastle, Corning, \$1.50; Cabell, \$1.55; Somerset, \$1.42; Ragland, 70 cents.

This is an advance of ten cents a barrel on each grade, except Ragland, which remained unchanged. Oil started to advance last August and, impelled by curtailment of production abroad and increased consumption in

SERB TIDE TURNED

French and British Successes Claimed by Allies.

Bulgars Severely Defeated After Two-Day Fight.

SERBIA STILL HARD PRESSED

Desperate Attempt to Aid by France and Britain.

Italian Forces Reported Successful in South.

Berlin, Nov. 18.—Kursunlya, about thirty miles southwest of Nish and approximately the same distance north of Pristina, has been occupied by the German forces pressing southward in Serbia. The Serbians left a number of cannon, several hundred of them were captured. The occupation of Kursunlya marks an advance of nearly 100 miles into Serbia by the Teutonic forces.

With the Bulgarians in possession of the greater part of southern Serbia all of the national domain that now remains to the Serbians is a comparatively narrow strip of territory along the

DEATH VOTE RIGHT

Doctor Who Declined to Save Baby Is Upheld.

Coroner's Physician Contends Haiselden Was Justified.

DEFECTIVE INFANT IS DEAD

Mother Is Told of the Passing of Child.

Eminent Physicians to Sit in Case; Prosecution Unlikely.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Complete vindication of Dr. Harry J. Haiselden, the surgeon who declined to operate on the defective Bollinger baby and thus saved its life, will be recommended to the coroner's jury which is to conduct an inquest today.

A jury of six of the best known physicians and surgeons of Chicago will be chosen to hear testimony at the inquest. Coroner Hoffman announced he expected to empanel the jury at once and before night select a date for the inquest.

The recommendation for vindication will be made by Dr. H. G. W. Reinhart, chief coroner's physician

MONROE WOULD ABANDON PENINSULA; KITCHENER TO LEARN THE WHOLE TRUTH

London, Nov. 18.—Baron Ribblesdale said in the house of lords today, in addressing a question to the Marquis of Lansdowne, that he understood Gen. Charles G. Monro, commander of the British expedition at the Dardanelles, had reported in favor of the withdrawal of the British army at the Dardanelles.

The Marquis of Lansdowne announced the government asked Earl Kitchener to visit the eastern Mediterranean seas, in his opinion, the report of Sir Charles Monro and the evidence accompanying it did not seem sufficient to enable the government to come to a conclusion upon the great question of policy involved.

FLIGHT PUT OFF

High Winds Delay Air Trip From Fort Sill.

Forty-Mile Blow Mars Plans of Army Pilots.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Nov. 18.—Beginning of the United States army aeroplanes' flight from Fort Sill, Okla., today for San Antonio was delayed by high winds. Fort Sill reported about midforenoon a forty-mile gale there and said that it was possible the machines might not attempt to fly today at all.

This city was the first scheduled stop in the flight. Although flying under as nearly war time conditions as possible it was expected that the machines would be able to choose stopping places at will, as each will be followed by its own motor supply and by motorcycles, while a small machine ship on wheels also will be available.

Today's wind blew nearly from the north. Capt. B. D. Foulis, commanding the aero squadron, said today that while the flight was to be made to meet conditions as nearly as possible as they exist in actual warfare, he did not feel warranted in taking risks with the men and the machines involved in starting in such a gale as was blowing this morning. He said the flight would not be started until the wind abated, and probably would not begin today in any event.

SPARE THE BIRDS

Destruction of the Feathered Friends Costs Billion.

Bugs and Weed Seeds Devoured by Quail.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Destruction of birds, according to Col. G. C. Shields, president of the League of American Sportsmen, costs the United States a billion dollars a year. Colonel Shields made the assertion in an address before the Chicago chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution today.

"Cotton growers," said he, "lost \$100,000,000 a year by the boll weevil. Why? Because the quail, the prairie chickens, the meadow lark and other birds which formerly were there in millions have been swept away by thoughtless men and boys."

The chinchbug costs wheat growers another \$100,000,000, he said, and the Hessian fly \$200,000,000. It takes more than 24,000 chinchbugs to weigh an ounce, and nearly 50,000 flies to weigh the same, continued the speaker. "A quail killed by an expert in Ohio had in its craw 1,200 chinchbugs. Another killed in a Kansas wheat field had 2,000 Hessian flies."

Colonel Shields added potato growers pay \$17,000,000 a year for spraying poisons, and remarked that a quail slain in Pennsylvania had 127 potato bugs in its craw. He said Mr. Margaret M. Nice of the faculty of the Massachusetts State university, after long study estimated that quail destroy 5,000 bugs and 6,000,000 weed seeds annually.

HUGHES HURLS HIS 'NO'

Associate Justice Demands His Name Be Kept Off Ballot.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Associate Justice Hughes of the supreme court today notified the secretary of state of Nebraska he would not be a candidate at the coming presidential primary election and requested that his name be not placed upon the ballot.

The formal declaration of Justice Hughes to which he took oath before a notary, and which was telegraphed to the secretary of state at Lincoln, was as follows:

"A petition having been filed with you on November 13, 1915, requesting the name of Associate Justice Hughes on the ballot at the coming presidential primary ballot of the office of president of the United States, I hereby notify you that I decline the nomination made by this petition, or similar petition, and request my name shall not be placed on the ballot for such primary election."

Up to the Secretary of State.

Lincoln, Nov. 18.—The placing of the name of Associate Justice Hughes on the ballot at the coming presidential primaries as a candidate for the nomination for president will rest with the decision of the secretary of state. Secretary Pool in a message to Justice Hughes secretary today stated that "this department reserves the right to make such ruling in the judgment of the secretary of state, as appears within his province, but the personal wishes of Justice Hughes will receive most careful consideration."

THEY'RE IN FEAR OF SOCIALISTS

Oklahoma Democrats Viewing Situation With Alarm.

John Fields, Editor and Politician Discusses Outlook.

SAYS BOURBONS ARE SCARED

See a Possibility That the Negroes Will Vote.

Talk of a Special Session to Prevent It.

Oklahoma is in a state of political unrest, according to John Fields, editor of the Oklahoma City Times and former candidate for governor of that state on the Republican ticket. Mr. Fields, who was in Topeka for a business conference with Governor Arthur Capper, was rather reluctant to talk about just what would happen in Oklahoma.

"It is difficult to say what will be the outcome of the political situation," said Mr. Fields. "The Democrats are pretty much scared as to the result."

The Socialists are upsetting everything in Oklahoma, Mr. Fields intimated. With their fair election law it is feared that they will poll a much heavier vote than they did last election. The Democrats do not fear so much that the Socialists will take away the votes from their party and give the Republicans a chance to win, they are afraid that the Socialists will carry the state.

It has been rumored in political circles that the national committee of the Socialist party is entering all its efforts in Oklahoma. Some who are conversant with the situation say that through the Socialists, the people of the state hope to break up the political rottenness just like it was broken in Kansas by the Populists.

The Democrats are also afraid that the negro vote, according to Mr. Fields, because the supreme court annulled the grandfather clause. There is even talk of a special session of the state legislature a chance to enact another grandfather clause to keep the negroes from voting. It is pointed out that the law could not be annulled by the courts until after the election of the platform as a majority of the voters.

In the last election in Oklahoma the Democrats received a few more than two-fifths of the votes, the Republicans a few less than two-fifths, and the Socialists a few more than one-fifth of the votes.

CHURCHILL IS OFF

Former Cabinet Member Departs for Front.

Unrecognized at Station as He Bids Wife Good-Bye.

London, Nov. 18.—Winston Spencer Churchill, former first lord of the admiralty, and chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster, left for the front this morning. His wife bade him farewell at the railroad station. He was unrecognized by the platform as he was to enter a special car.

Mr. Churchill became widely known as a soldier before his political career. He entered the army in 1885 after being graduated from Sandhurst. He served with the Madras sappers and was present at the operations at Balaor; served with the Tihah and Nile expeditionary forces, being present at the battle of Khartoum. He also saw service as a lieutenant of South African light horse before he became a newspaper correspondent to report the Boer war.

Mr. Churchill is a major of the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars and it probably is the regiment which he has left to join.

OFF TO EMPORIA

Washburn Ichabods Play Last Game of Season Today.

Players Hoped for Big Score Over C. of E.

Coach Gray and eighteen Ichabod football warriors, accompanied by a delegation of students and Washburn followers, left at 11:05 this morning for Emporia where they were to play the C. of E. team this afternoon. The game was the last of the Washburn schedule and the members of the team were hopeful of victory.

"We ought to win by the biggest score we have met this season," Captain Beals said, and every member of the team felt the same way. The game was scheduled to be called at 3 o'clock.

At the last practice of the season, Wednesday night, the team was split up into two squads and given signal practice and drilled in the forward pass. It was expected that the Ichabods would use more passes today than they have used in any previous game.

Coach Gray was uncertain of the lineup before leaving Topeka, but said that Sullivan would probably start at quarterback, with Beag at halfback and Vulpine at full. This was somewhat of a surprise, as it was thought that Beals would start at quarter with Beag at full. The probable lineup was:

- Washburn Position. C. of E. Billings L. E. Williams Logan L. T. Wallace Colvin L. G. Smith Rice L. C. Curry Dehn R. G. Russell Stewart R. T. Weidower Trobert R. E. Hines Sullivan Q. Altman Beals L. H. Hineshaw Beag R. Moore Vulpine F. E. H. Hineshaw

OUR PART IN THE WAR



this country, has been going up ever since.

Five cents a barrel was added from time to time by the purchasing agencies, but not enough oil came out to satisfy the demand and this week fifteen cents more was offered. This new price is expected to bring out the greater part of the several million barrels of crude known to be above ground and to stimulate drilling in the hope of increasing production.

Of the amount known to be available, competent authority said today, a million or more barrels were in the West Virginia field alone.

BRITISH LEADERS BACK

Asquith and Associates Return From Paris to London.

Paris, Nov. 18.—Premier Asquith and his associates in the British war council, who have been in conference here with their French official colleagues, left today on their return trip to London.

The departing British cabinet members were cheered by crowds of considerable size as the train on which they were passengers pulled out of the station.

Nothing has been given out concerning the proceedings of the council, as these naturally are held in the greatest confidence, but it is known the conference resulted in complete accord between the representatives of the two nations on certain diplomatic, military and naval questions.

Montenegrin and Albanian borders and curving westward along the Greek frontier.

Failure of a British surprise attack on the German lines between Messines and Arras, near the Franco-Belgian border, is announced.

Paris, Nov. 18.—Important successes both for the French and British forces in Serbia are reported by the Athens correspondent of the Havas agency.

According to this information, which the correspondent says is unofficial, the Bulgarians have lost the town of Kasturino to the French and have been defeated by the British on the Valondovo-Rabrovo front.

The correspondent adds that according to the latest news received by the Havas agency, the Bulgarians have lost the town of Kasturino to the French and have been defeated by the British on the Valondovo-Rabrovo front.

OFF FOR MANHATTAN

Bennie Owen Leaves Norman at Head of 17 Warriors.

Norman, Okla., Nov. 18.—Coach Owen with seventeen football men left Norman today for Manhattan, Kan., where the Sooners will play the Kansas Aggies Friday afternoon. Coach Owen is expecting a hard battle with the Kansas team though his men are in good condition with Montgomery back in the lineup. The team will start with McCasland at right half back, McCain in old place.

who conducted a secret post mortem of the six-day old infant an hour after its death last night. Coroner Peter Hoffman before the post mortem had said that unless the examination proved that the child if allowed to live, would have been a mental defective. Dr. Haiselden, chief of the German-American hospital staff, might be tried for criminal negligence.

"My examination shows that the probabilities are strongly that the child would have been a mental defective if allowed to live."

SHORT DAY ON ROADS

Four Great Brotherhoods to Make Demands March 1.

Cleveland, Nov. 18.—The four railroad brotherhoods, including more than 250,000 engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen on all railroads in the United States, are preparing to make formal demand about March 1, that the railroads grant them an eight-hour day with the same pay they now get for ten hours.

Action will be taken at a meeting of the executive committee of the brotherhoods in Chicago December 15, when ballots for a referendum will be prepared.

The eastern associations of the general chairmen of the engineers' and firemen's brotherhoods, in joint session last night, decided to join the conductors and trainmen's brotherhoods in the eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime demands.

FUGITIVE GERMAN HELD

Lieutenant From Cruiser Prinz Eitel Is Captured in London.

London, Nov. 18.—A German naval lieutenant from the German converted cruiser, Prinz Eitel Friedrich, who broke his parole at Newport News, is now in the hands of the British naval authorities, according to information gleaned today.

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FRENCH ARMY COMMITTEE FOR FREEST USE OF GAS

Paris, Nov. 18.—The senate army committee, presided over by Georges Clemenceau, has passed a resolution urging the unrestricted use of asphyxiating gas by French troops.