

WEATHER forecast for Kansas:
Fair tonight and Wednesday;
warmer tonight.

ALMOST every man believes that his particular train of thought should have the right of way.

BALKAN PLIGHT LOOKS BRIGHTER FOR THE ALLIES

Serbs Report a Great Victory North of Pristina.

Anglo-French Troops Hope to Reach Monastir Soon.

GREECE REMAINS UNMOVED French Military Position in Macedonia Has Improved.

Allies Resume Violent Offensive in the Dardanelles.

Berlin, Nov. 23.—Notable progress for the Germans in the region southeast of Pristina, in Serbia, with the capture of 8,000 Serbians, 41 cannon and 22 machine guns was announced by German army headquarters today. The Teutonic troops have taken fifteen hundred additional Serbian prisoners and captured six cannon.

Northeast of Pristina and north of Mitrovitza, the Austro-German forces are advancing, throwing back the Serbians, who are resisting in rear guard actions.

London, Nov. 23.—The latest news from the Balkans has revived hope in England that Monastir may hold out long enough to enable the French and British forces to effect a junction with the Serbians. The Rome and London legations of Serbia have received reports of a great Serbian victory north-east of Pristina, but as these advices give neither details nor dates, there are doubts as to their importance.

It is not believed allied forces, which may take refuge on Greek territory, are hardly likely to be subjected to attack from the rear. The most significant indication as to the present attitude of Greece is contained in remarks made by M. Rhalis, Greek minister of justice, who is quoted in a press dispatch as to the bitter attitude of methods adopted by the entente allies. He argued that their tardiness in bringing effective support for the Serbians made Greek participation impossible.

To Maintain Neutrality. M. Rhalis declared, however, that the Greeks were determined to maintain neutrality and that the entente allies had no reason to fear danger if they should be forced across the Greek border.

The French military position in Macedonia is reported to have improved. The assertion is made that the Bulgarians retired to their positions after a vain attack on the French lines.

The seat of the Serbian government has again been shifted, on this occasion to Pristina, while the diplomatic corps has moved to Patch, Montenegro.

On Dardanelles Front. A message from Constantinople, by way of Germany, reports the resumption of violent offensive on the straits of the Dardanelles. No confirmation of this report has been received. Except for the Russian announcement of a repulse of the Germans in the city of Riga, nothing of importance has reached the public from the eastern line. British artillery is busy on the western front, where the activity of late has been mining and aerial operations.

Rumania again figures in news of the diplomatic situation, but reported the central powers are about to make a formal request to the Bucharest government to maintain its neutrality, and offering financial concessions if that nation will intervene in the war on their side.

DISCUSS RATE CHANGES Missouri Railroads May Take Action to Get Higher Limit.

St. Louis, Nov. 23.—Executives of the trunk lines operating in Missouri met here today to consider what action they should take in regard to the changes in passenger and freight rates, recently authorized by the Missouri public service commission.

The commission authorized an increase in passenger rates from two to two and a half cents a mile, but providing that the roads should sell thirty-day round-trip tickets for 2 1/2 cents a mile and should issue interchangeable and transferable mileage books at two cents a mile, created a condition which the railroads are undecided about accepting.

For several days experts have been examining the freight increases allowed by the commission and the effect of the new rates, some lower than existing rates on interstate charges. The meeting today may result in a determination of the railroads to ask for a rehearing, to refuse the new rates allowed by the commission or to bring court action to secure higher rates.

CLUB LID NAILED DOWN Supreme Court of Wyoming Requires High License of Fraternities.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 23.—The supreme court of Wyoming has sustained the decision of the lower court against the sale of liquor in a fraternal club without licenses. The ruling affects a large number of clubs and fraternities, which, under the law, will be required to pay a state liquor license of \$1,000 each, in addition to municipal license.

100 DROWNED IN SICILY Many Swept to Death When Bridge Gives Way Near Licata.

Rome, Nov. 23.—(Via London).—One hundred persons were drowned today by the washing away of a bridge over the Salso river, near Licata, Sicily.

SKOULLOUDIS TO RESIGN; A SHOWDOWN AT ATHENS

Saloniki (via Paris), Nov. 23.—The resignation of Premier Skouloudis of Greece, according to reports in circulation here, is expected momentarily on account of difficulties between Greece and Great Britain.

FINDS A FORTUNE

Samuel Shreve of Marion Returns After 35 Years' Absence. Discovers That He Owns One-Fourth of the Town.

LAND WAS A COW PASTURE

Now It Is Covered With Homes and Other Buildings. Suit Had Just Been Filed to Dispossess Him.

After thirty-five years of wandering, Samuel H. Shreve came out of the Colorado mountains last week to visit in Marion, his old home town. And when Shreve arrived in the town he found that he held a clear title to more than one-fourth of all the real estate in the town and had grown rich in his wanderings.

ABOVE FROST LINE

The Lowest Temperature Last Night Was 35 Degrees.

With the temperature above normal today there is a prospect of still higher temperatures tonight and tomorrow. The lowest temperature was 35 degrees, which is 7 degrees above normal. The forecast calls for fair weather tonight and Wednesday; warmer tonight.

The wind shifted to the south this afternoon, maintaining a velocity of 5 miles an hour. The temperature averaged 9 degrees above normal. The shippers' forecast says: "Protect 36-hour shipments to extreme north and west against ten temperatures of 30; south and east, above freezing."

Temperature readings:
7 o'clock 36 11 o'clock 51
8 o'clock 36 12 o'clock 55
9 o'clock 40 1 o'clock 58
10 o'clock 45 2 o'clock 58

COAL RATES STAND

Reduction Ordered for December 1 Postponed Until January 1.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Reductions in hard coal rates ordered by the interstate commerce commission to become effective December 1 were postponed today until January 1.

This is the second postponement in the anthracite case. The original orders were to become effective October 1, but on a showing by the railroads that the new tariffs required to be filed were complicated, a first extension of sixty days was granted. A few weeks ago coal operators in the Wyoming region of Pennsylvania asked for a re-hearing in relation to the proposed rates on the smaller sizes of anthracite.

The new rates apply between the Pennsylvania mines and the Atlantic seaboard.

WAR NEWS BOILED DOWN FOR THE RUSHED READER

Austro-German and Bulgarian forces are pressing the Serbians hard, driving them toward the Kosovo plain from both north and south of Pristina.

The Teutonic forces are nearing Mitrovitza, whence the Serbian capital is reported removed to Pristina.

Berlin reports the capture of 8,000 Serbians by the victorious Bulgarians, who also have taken forty-four cannon and twenty-two machine guns. Elsewhere, according to the wireless version of the German news headquarters, statement, 1,500 Serbians and six cannon were captured. These latter captures were not mentioned in the German news headquarters, which, under the law, will be required to pay a state liquor license of \$1,000 each, in addition to municipal license.

An official statement issued by the British foreign office, declaring that no blockade of Greek ports has been instituted, is interpreted in London as indicating that the Greek government has announced the same regarding the safety of the allied troops in the Balkans.

Saloniki has reports that the resignation of Premier Skouloudis of Greece is imminent because of difficulties between Greece and Great Britain.

SEE RAY OF HOPE

Disappointed Job Hunters May Come Into Their Own.

State May Return to Old System of Oil Inspection.

LIES WITH SUPREME COURT

Validity of the New Law Has Been Questioned.

Treasury Is Getting the Money, but Under Protest.

There is hope for some 135 or 140 disappointed job hunters who have not been accommodated by the state administration. If Kansas loses her oil suit in the supreme court, the state will probably operate her oil inspection department under the old law. That will give jobs to nearly 140 men who have to date been unable to connect with the state pay roll.

For some months the attorney general's office has been making preparations for the defense of the 1913 oil inspection law. The oil companies have paid nearly \$100,000 under protest and contend that the present oil inspection law is a revenue rather than in inspection measure. Now

FIENDISH MURDER IN HEAD-ON CRASH

Young Italian Held for Killing Wife's Stepmother.

Crime Revealed by Wife After Eighteen Months.

BURIED HIS VICTIM ALIVE

Semi-Conscious Man Covered With Stones in Cellar.

Claiming Assault on Wife, Young Slayer Confesses.

Batavia, N. Y., Nov. 23.—Charged with beating his victim into semi-consciousness and then burying her alive as he cried for help, Tony Bolivio, 27, was held today on a murder charge. The police declare Bolivio has confessed. The confession, they say, has revealed a murder of fiendish brutality, almost unequalled in the criminal history of the state.

'TWTX LOVE AND DUTY



NO GREEK SHIPS HELD; NO BLOCKADE IN FORCE

London, Nov. 23.—The foreign office states no Greek ships are being seized or held up at the ports of the United Kingdom and that no blockade of Greek ports has been instituted or is in force.

No amplification of the foreign office statement is obtained in official quarters. The universal deduction is that the Greek government has satisfied the British demands submitted by Karl Kitchener, secretary of war, who was in Athens last week. It is assumed Greece has furnished guarantees of the safety of the Anglo-French expeditionary force.

It is believed the announcements from Athens concerning a commercial blockade of Greece were premature. The Albanians protected the provisional intention of the entente allies as accomplished facts.

KANSAS CUT OUT

"Birth of a Nation" Will Not Enter the State.

Producers Hear It Has Been Condemned in Advance.

POLITICS ALLEGED AS CAUSE

Say State Officials Fear Effect on Negro Vote.

The Censors Are Noncommittal on the Subject.

Kansas people will not be able to see "The Birth of a Nation," the feature photoplay which has been attracting nationwide attention. The producers of the picture are not going to spend \$2 a reel to have the film barred from the state, according to a report which reaches Topeka this morning.

"The Birth of a Nation" is showing at the Grand theater in Kansas City, Mo., for the last time this week. It has run in Chicago for several months in capacity houses. A number of Topeka men and women saw the picture in Chicago and Kansas City and pronounced it wonderful beyond all description.

And then came the word that state house officials in Topeka frowned on "The Birth of a Nation." The play is taken from Thomas Dixon's well known work, "The Clansman." It elaborates on the southern story to a great extent, showing Sherman's march to the sea and other war scenes. D. W. Griffith, the master producer, directed it. "The Clansman" is a tale of the Ku Klux Klan in the reconstruction days. It is distinctly an anti-negro story, but deals with the colored politicians of those days instead of the colored race today.

Gov. Capper's Act. One of the big distributors in Kansas City told a Topekan a few days

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STARTS BACK FIRE

Gov. Capper Sends Personal Representative to Dodge.

He Is Expected to Find That Conditions Are Ideal.

Governor Capper's paper will this week attempt to prove an alibi for the management of the state soldiers' home at Dodge City. A representative of the governor's paper was sent to Dodge City today to gather details of the charge of mismanagement of the institution and to see what interviews from inmates who will deny the charges before the G. A. R. investigating committee.

A. Heek, department commander of the G. A. R., and his official staff last week investigated conditions at the home. A number of witnesses told of deplorable conditions in the home. Others testified that conditions were ideal. This week the governor's paper will publish interviews to the effect that the accommodations are almost equal to private suites with brass beds, telephones, velvet carpets and baths.

Findings of the investigating committee will not be made public for several days. Testimony taken during the hearing is being transcribed and the report of the department commander and his staff will be sent to the governor late this week.

MESSAGE TO CABINET

Wilson Submits His Document to Congress to Official Family.

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Get Close to World's Record. Chicago, Nov. 23.—Trailing twenty-one miles and eight laps behind the world's record, nine teams were tied for the leadership of the six-day bicycle race at the conclusion of the eighth hour of the event today.

The leaders had covered 1,599 miles and two laps. The field of fifteen starters was cut down to twelve teams by the injury of Gus Wolhrab of Jersey City, who was thrown from the track during a sprint last midnight.

MUCH MONEY USED TO PLOT TO SUPPLY SHIPS

Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Spent by Boy-Ed.

U.S. Attorney Declares Treaties and Laws Spurned.

ONE WITNESS IS IN BERMUDA

Jury Box Filled, Opening Statements Made.

Buenz Admits All Charges, but Denies Conspiracy.

New York, Nov. 23.—At the opening of United States district court today in the trial of Karl Buenz, managing director, and employee of the Hamburg-American line, it became known that an important witness for the government is in Bermuda.

Buenz and others are charged with conspiring to violate customs laws in sending supply ships to German warships. The name of the missing witness Roger E. Wood, United States district attorney, in charge of the prosecution refused to disclose.

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4 AIRSHIPS LOST

Appeal for Help for Missing U. S. Planes.

U. S. Squadron on Way From Waco to Austin.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 23.—Four aviators of the United States army squadron, after being lost for nearly two hours in a haze today on their flight from Waco to Austin, discovered their bearings early this morning and resumed their journey to Austin.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 23.—Four of the six airplanes of the United States army squadron, in flight today from Waco to Austin, were reported missing this afternoon by Lieut. T. D. Milling, one of the crew of the machines, landed at the stopping place here.

Lieutenant Milling appealed to all available sources to help locate the missing machines. He reported that more than two hours after the flight of about 100 miles began.

Telephone calls to Austin this afternoon indicated that one of the aviators passed Burnet and landed at Kingsland, half way between Burnet and Marbis Falls, sixty miles west of Austin. However, one of the machines known to have landed at Lampasas, which is about sixty miles northwest of Austin and considerably off the flying course from Waco here.

The machine which arrived, according to reports from the aviation field, are those of Lieutenant Milling and Lieut. T. Bowen.

Temple, Tex., reported all six before 11 a. m. near the city, which is about midway between Waco and Austin. However, one of the machines at Temple was nearly six miles off the course; the other five were reported following.

The aviators who have not arrived here are Capt. B. D. Foullos, in charge of the squadron, and Lieut. J. E. Carberry, C. G. Chapman and L. A. Rader.

The squadron commander was accustomed to bringing up the rear flights in order to watch for accidents. With two machines here only one aviator is unaccounted for. Lieutenant Milling says that a strong east wind encountered after rising at Waco blew them off the course to the west and created a haze which made it impossible to follow land marks.

All Got Away. Waco, Tex., Nov. 23.—With Lieut. J. E. Carberry acting as pilot, the First Aeroplane squadron, U. S. A., left this morning for Austin, the last stop before the aviators' destination, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, is reached.

The six biplanes took an altitude of about 2,000 feet in the flight out of Waco. They flew over the aviation field several times, then made a straight flight south. It was estimated by Captain Foullos that a speed of between 60 and 80 miles an hour would be made between Waco and Austin.

MUST FURNISH HEAT

Hotels Will Not Be Permitted to Let Guests Shiver.

Kansas hotel and innkeepers must keep their rooms warm enough to be comfortable in the fall weather. L. A. Congdon, state hotel commissioner, ruled today.

Mr. Congdon's ruling was in response to complaints that some of the hotels of the state in the changeable autumn weather, had failed to provide heat for their guests.

Mr. Congdon pointed out that the law provides that the proprietors of hotels must furnish, under the regulations which will make for the comfort of their guests, as far as is possible, and he asserted he interpreted the law to include heat.

HIGH LIGHTS IN EUROPE'S WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

France claimed that since September the allies have gained many important victories and blocked the German plan of campaign.

A German aeroplane bomb broke the United States consulate windows in Warsaw.

Standard Boosts Oil for Export. New York, Nov. 23.—The Standard Oil company of New York announced an advance of 25 points in refined petroleum for export in cases and 40 points in barrel lots. Refined in S. 15, 16.25; in bulk 4.50 and in barrels \$15.

Bowling Matches Are Close. Omaha, Nov. 23.—The only change in the leadership of the Middle West Bowling tournament from Monday's play was made by Bruce Jarrett of St. Louis, who rolled 630 in the doubles, while his partner C. Hauser of St. Louis, scored 568 which put the pair at the head of the doubles. Jarrett's scores in the singles and team events were 569 and 573 so that he led in the all-events score with 1,772.

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