

EACH half of the world is also of the opinion that it's none of the other half's business how it lives.

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WEATHER forecast for Kansas: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; colder Thursday night.

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## GERMAN SHIPS PROVISIONED BY AMERICAN BOAT

### Berwind, Under American Flag, Aid to Germans.

### Vessel Gained Advantage of Three-Mile Limit.

## TEUTON IN AUDACIOUS STROKE

### Fleet of Five of Kaiser's Battleships Supplied.

### Story of Romantic Daring at Trial of Karl Buenz.

New York, Nov. 24.—How the Hamburg-American line succeeded in reaching German warships in the Atlantic, in August and September, 1914, with 2,000 tons of coal and large amounts of foodstuffs by means of the steamer Berwind, an American boat under the American flag, was told today on the witness stand by the trial of Karl Buenz, Fritz Edward Falkenberg.

Captain Falkenberg was a government witness in the trial of Karl Buenz, George Kotter, Adolph Hochmeister, and Joseph Poppinghaus, all officials of the Hamburg-American line, on trial on charges of conspiring to deceive and defraud the United States.

The Berwind sailed from New York at 9:30 at night, August 5, ostensibly for Buenos Aires with Poppinghaus as super-cargo and in charge. Taking up Captain Falkenberg's story there, her movements were as follows:

### Stay in Three-Mile Limit.

First, Poppinghaus ordered him to stay within the three-mile limit after leaving Sandy Hook, to avoid British cruisers, but later instructed him to steer for Cape Roque. There he was told to steam back and forth, as he might meet German ships. For thirty-six hours, the Berwind did steam back and forth over a sixty-mile course, and finally, at 6:30 a. m.,

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## LEAVE BABE TO DIE

### Parents Refuse Consent for Surgical Operation.

### Father Says Physician in Bollinger Case Was Right.

New York, Nov. 24.—A case resembling that of the Bollinger baby of Chicago developed here today when a New York physician confronted the question whether the life of a defective child should be saved by a surgical operation despite the wishes of the parents. The baby, a girl, was born last night. Mentally the child appears to be normal, but is paralyzed below the waist, feet, drooping, and the knees and a spinal ailment which, physicians say, will prove fatal if an operation is not soon performed.

### Operation Would Save.

Dr. Julius Goldsmith, the attending physician, notified the parents that the child's life could be saved only by a prompt operation. He said afterward:

"The parents absolutely refuse permission for the necessary operation. I could probably save the child's life, although it would always remain helplessly crippled. There is no action I can take without the permission of the parents."

### Chicago Physician Right.

The father of the defective baby said he believes the Chicago physician was right. For the sake of a little money he had rather see this child die now than have to live seven or eight years in misery and suffering. I think it would be better for all concerned. The doctors tell me an operation would only prolong its life and that it would never be well. Even though the operation were performed, the child would always be paralyzed below the waist. If the baby's imperfections were a small thing it would be a different matter. I do not want to sacrifice its life under such circumstances. But what would be the use of it? It always could be a trouble and a chore to its parents and society. It is a hard thing to say but it would be better dead."

### Champion Corn Grower.

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 24.—Dewey Hanes, of Arcanum, Darke county, Ohio, is the champion boy corn grower of Ohio. He raised 153.75 bushels of corn on one acre this year in the juvenile contest conducted by the state board of agriculture, it was announced today.

### Hans Schmidt's Domesday Set.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 24.—The court of appeals today set the week beginning January 16 as the time for the electrocution of Hans Schmidt, the unfortunated priest convicted of slaying Anna Amulmer in New York in 1913.

## ADMIRAL WINSLOW SENT TO MEXICO WITH MARINES TO PROTECT FOREIGNERS

Washington, Nov. 24.—Admiral Winslow, commander of the Pacific fleet, was ordered from San Francisco to Topolobampo, Mexico, today with his flag ship, the cruiser San Diego, which will carry also 275 additional Marines, ready to land to protect Americans and other foreigners.

The gunboat Annapolis now is at Topolobampo for protection of Americans driven from sugar plantations by raiding Indians.

## Athens Must Inform Allies of Attitude

London, Nov. 24.—A Reuter message from Athens says the entente ministers presented a collective note to Premier Skoufoudis, "demanding" that Greece define her attitude.

The cabinet immediately was called together. After the cabinet meeting, Greek ministers said the situation had been cleared by presentation of the note, which gave the government definite information in regard to what was expected by the allies.

These demands were less exacting than had been expected. The premier minister added that Greece never had refused requests for assurances of the security of allied troops in Macedonia.

## FUNSTON PRAISED

### Garrison Extolls General, His Officers and Men.

### Conduct During Recent Border Crises Is Lauded.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Secretary Garrison today made public a letter to Major General Funston, commending the general, his officers and men in the highest terms for their conduct during the recent critical situations on the Mexican border.

"I desire to express to you and to the officers and men of your command," wrote the secretary, "my high appreciation of the able manner in which you and they have performed duties of the most difficult kind. The situation dealt with called for such a high degree of sound judgment and absolute self-control that it is very remarkable that all those qualities were brought to bear in such a way as to prevent the happening of any untoward incident. You have resisted the temptation to open yourselves, but upon the army and the nation."

"I thank you on behalf of the department and to the extent that I have the right to speak for the nation, on behalf and the nation."

## MEET EARLY IN JUNE

### Democrat National Convention Will Not Wait on Anybody.

New York, Nov. 24.—Democratic sentiment drifting from the convention city for 1915 according to William F. McCombs, chairman of the National committee, favors an early national convention.

Mr. McCombs said he is confident that he had gathered from the members of his committee, it was likely the convention would be held during the first two weeks of June.

"We are the dominant party now," said the chairman, "and usually the party in power holds its convention first. I believe we are all open minded as to where the convention should be held."

He hinted that the selection of a convention city for 1915 would not have the same political significance as in 1912, when he led the party to Baltimore because it was convenient to the state from which his candidate was to come. Bids for the convention have been received from Chicago, St. Louis, Dallas and San Francisco.

Mr. McCombs expects a full meeting of the members of the National committee in Washington on December 7 when an effort will be made to decide upon the time and place for the convention.

## FAIR THANKSGIVING

### Clouds But No Rain Is Forecast for Tomorrow.

Topeka will experience a moistureless Thanksgiving day tomorrow but there will be little sun, according to the forecast issued today from the local weather bureau. There is every indication on the weather map that tomorrow will be one of those gray days with the skies overcast with leaden clouds. A little colder weather is scheduled for Thursday night.

The lowest temperature Tuesday night was 48 degrees, 13 degrees higher than the low reading of Monday. The shippers' forecast for 24 to 36 hours, north and west, is 25 to 30 degrees; east to south, 30 degrees to Thursday night.

A thirty mile an hour wind blew from the south this morning with the indication that the velocity would increase before night.

Hourly readings: 7 o'clock ... 51 11 o'clock ... 60 8 o'clock ... 52 12 o'clock ... 62 9 o'clock ... 53 1 o'clock ... 61 10 o'clock ... 54 2 o'clock ... 63

## GOLD FISH REPIRIED

### Can Stay in Gage Park Lakes Until Warm Weather.

Because W. L. Porter, city commissioner of parks, and Sid Hercules, keeper of the zoo at Gage park, refused to perform a "September Morn" stunt the 5,000 gold fish that they set out to capture in a net Tuesday are still in the Gage park lake—that is, all but seven of the 8,000.

The fish refused to swim into the net and be captured unless driven to it.

"The water was too deep for our boots and it was too cold for us to plunge into it swimmingly," explained Porter. "I know because I tried the water," and he shivered at the thought. "We will have to wait for the warm weather to next year before we fill that order for 8,000 gold fish."

### Get Rich Quick With Movies.

New York, Nov. 24.—Samuel Long, who was president of the Kalem Film company at the time of his death on July 28, last, left a fortune of \$1,500,000, made in the moving picture business from an investment of less than \$1,000 seven years ago. It became known today when a dispute over his will reached court.

## NATIONAL VARSITY PEPPERILL HAS HARMONY PLAN

### Would Send Both Thompson and Hodges to Convention.

### The Democrats Need Votes, Not Trouble, He Declares.

### NO TIME FOR SENATORIAL TALK

### Advices Clamping Down the Lid During Next Campaign.

### The Election Will Not Take Place Until 1918.

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 24.—The conversion of the United States bureau of education into a national university for school teachers, was advocated today by former President W. H. Taft in an address before the New York State Teachers' association.

Mr. Taft criticized the present system of education in the United States as being in many instances inefficient and superficial, and suggested the federal government might, through a system of inspection and criticism, aid the states in bringing about a higher standard, both in respect to teachers and methods.

Foreigners More Thorough. Incidentally, the former president said that the German school system was more thorough than ours.

### Present System Defective.

Referring to his plan for making the bureau of education a national university for teachers, Mr. Taft said: "By searching out thorough teachers' examinations, the federal certificates would acquire value for their holders and the professional qualifications for teaching would be generally improved."

As a proof of the defects of the present system, Mr. Taft referred to the report of the Carnegie foundation for the advancement of teaching, which showed that the local school superintendents of some states cannot spell or write good English.

## THEY SHOOT IT OUT

### Texas Lawyer and Another Dead as Result of Quarrel.

Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 24.—H. O. Ledgerwood, prominent attorney, and J. N. Whisenand of Dallas are dead, following a shooting in Ledgerwood's office this morning. Whisenand is said to have killed the lawyer first, then himself.

The Dallas man was recently indicted here for fraudulent use of the mails in connection with a bankruptcy case.

## GREAT JAP ARMY Guards Are Redoubled in Washington

### Nippon to Rush Strong Force if Necessary.

### Baron Ishii Says No Check Would Be Risked.

### RUSSIA "PREPARED" SHORTLY

### Only One-Third of Men Mobilized Have Arms.

### Oriental Says His Nation Will Remedy Defect Soon.

Paris, Nov. 24.—Japan is willing to send a strong army to Europe if the need arises, the Petit Parisien says. A statement to this effect is credited to Baron Ishii, Japanese foreign minister by G. Lechartier, Tokio correspondent of this newspaper. He quotes Baron Ishii as follows:

"Thus far we have not considered the eventuality of sending an army to Europe, but if there is occasion therefor, Japan will immediately send in one expedition a very strong army. Japan does not intend to risk a check in regard to the supplying of arms for Russia, by Japan, the foreign minister is said to have remarked."

"Russia does not need men, as only the Hodges followers still retain a

## TODAY IN KANSAS

### Earliest Submarine Located in Bed of Chicago River.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—The submarine "Foolkiller" which has been missing for twenty-five years has been found at the bottom of the Chicago river.

The "Foolkiller" was so called because it first made its appearance shortly after the great Chicago fire in 1871 when submarines were unheard of and drowned its original owner when it made a trial trip.

Divers working on the bottom of the river found the craft buried in three feet of mud. The boat is cigar-shaped, about forty feet in length and five feet wide. It was so constructed that it sank until all that was unsubmerged was an air pipe which stood up ten feet from the deck.

The craft probably will be raised and kept by the Chicago historical society.

## FOOLKILLER IS FOUND

### Burning Rubbish Starts Riot That Shops Were in Danger.

Burning rubbish in the Fourth street yards of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway in Topeka this morning started a wild rumor over the city to the effect that fire had gained an uncontrollable foothold in the shops and Topeka's largest industry was doomed.

A brisk 40-mile wind swept the smoke over into the shop district and several city fire companies were called.

The blaze was extinguished before the city companies arrived. The damage was trifling.

## CYCLONE IN KANSAS?

### Western Section Worries Over Action of Barometer This Morning.

A report from Hutchinson received in Topeka this noon brought out fears of another destructive cyclone in western Kansas. The Hutchinson message stated that the barometer had fallen quickly in the last few hours and every indication pointed to another storm similar to the tornado that nearly destroyed Great Bend.

The weather bureau in Topeka has taken note of a big drop of the barometer but it is not believed that a storm will follow. A severe storm in the British northwest has brought about this condition. The wind is blowing at a rate of 35 miles an hour this noon.

## THEY SHOOT IT OUT

### Courtland's Oldest Citizen.

Courtland, Kan., Nov. 24.—Mrs. Wm. Glasgow celebrated her 90th birthday anniversary Friday, Nov. 12, and is still enjoying good health. Mrs. Glasgow has always been a hard working woman, being the mother of eleven children, seven boys and four girls. Her husband and oldest son served in the Civil war and her youngest son, E. L. Glasgow, served in the Spanish-American war and is now an officer in the regular army.

## GUARDS ARE REDOUBLED IN WASHINGTON

### Washington, Nov. 24.—The watchfulness of the guards about all the principal government buildings in the capital has been redoubled on special orders.

Today guards stationed at strategic positions commanding all the entrances in the buildings which houses the principal government offices were under orders to question and if necessary search any persons of whom they had doubts. Anyone carrying a package of any sort was subject to questioning. Hundreds of tourists pass through the buildings daily.

Since a bomb explosion wrecked a room in the capitol last summer and bomb plots generally have kept the government "detectives busy there has been more than usual activity among the guards here, but now the watch is even more strictly kept. Guards employed by railroad companies are constantly on the alert in railroad tunnels leading to the bridge over the Potomac river, which is the principal gateway to the south.

### NO JOY TO PRISON

### Governor Capper Will Grant No Thanksgiving Pardons.

### First Time in Years That Clemency Is Withheld.

There will be no Thanksgiving paroles or pardons for prisoners at the state penitentiary, according to a statement today by Governor Capper. It is the first time in years that a Kansas governor has failed to accord clemency to one or more inmates of the prison as a Thanksgiving remembrance to the convicts.

Under a number of former administrations the practice of giving Thanksgiving and Christmas paroles and pardons was observed and many of the prominent convicts received holiday clemency.

Last year Governor Hodges granted paroles and pardons to a number of convicts for selling liquor in Leavenworth during the Stubbs and Hoch administrations. This year, however, the policy will be set aside.

"There will be no paroles or pardons," said the governor's statement today when asked concerning clemency for convicts. Whether the failure of the administration to grant Thanksgiving pardons to persons who have made exceptional prison records will also mean the abandonment of the plan for Christmas pardons, was not stated.

### IT IS UP TO JURY

### Federal Decision Will Mean Happy or Stupid Thanksgiving.

The jury that went out in the Martin Fitch case in the United States district court today had more to decide than the guilt or innocence of Fitch for selling liquor in Leavenworth, Kan., without a government license. The jury also had to decide whether or not Judge John C. Pollock should be removed from office.

Fred Robertson, witnesses, jurors, and other court attendants would get to celebrate Thanksgiving day at their homes.

Before sending the jury out on the case Judge Pollock instructed the men in the law and then added that if they returned a verdict this afternoon the court would be able to complete the work of the special term today.

A jury in the Thomas Stump case was called Monday and went out 24 hours before bringing in a verdict not guilty. If the jury that went out this noon repeats this performance there will be a busy Thanksgiving day for those attending the special session of the court.

### HEADS BRUISED IN RIOT

### Police Required to Quell Trouble at Cleveland "War" Factory.

Cleveland, Nov. 24.—Shots were fired, clubs and gas pipe wielded, two men were hurt and eleven were arrested, in rioting here this morning between strikers and strikebreakers at the Theodore Kautz auto body plant.

One hundred strikers tried to overturn a motor truck on which thirty strikebreakers were being hauled to the plant.

The attack on the truck precipitated a free for all fight and police reserves were called to quell the disturbance.

### CALL TO TAXPAYERS

### County Treasurer Asks for Descriptions of Property.

Another call for descriptions of Shawnee county and Topeka property was issued today by E. A. (Pat) Campbell, county treasurer.

There are a number of persons, says Campbell, who are expecting that statements that are not getting them owing to the fact that this office has no descriptions. Providing the descriptions are sent in, the statements will be forwarded and a check serve as payment, while if the taxpayer calls personally at the office he will be forced to stand in line.

### ARREST K. C. COMMISSION MEN.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 24.—Frank W. McCoy and Richard A. King, partners in the firm of McCoy and King, live stock commission men, were arrested here last night. They were arrested on a warrant sworn out by W. W. Scroggs, a dealer in cattle paper, charging them with defrauding him of \$5,400. McCoy and King are being held at police headquarters. Scroggs charges the paper he holds represents loans obtained on notes secured by cattle, which it is alleged did not exist. Upon arraignment today McCoy and King were each released on \$1,500 bond pending preliminary hearing December 2.

## GIANT BATTLE IS AT HAND IN NORTH SERBIA

### Teutonic Allies Face to Face With Sturdy Defenders.

### Austrians Capture Mitrovitsa; Pristina Also Falls.

### GREECE IS STILL A PUZZLE

### Both Sides Find Consolation in Athens's Attitude.

### Italy Looks for Immediate Fall of Gorizia.

London, Nov. 24.—The Teutonic allies are face to face with the Serbs' northern army today.

The big battle evidently is at hand. Official news from Vienna, tell of the Austrian capture of Mitrovitsa. The Berlin foreign office announces Pristina's occupation by the Germans and Bulgarians.

The two towns are twenty miles apart. Mitrovitsa at the northwest and Pristina at the southeastern end of the Kosava plateau—the famous Blackbird plains. On this plain, stretching from one town to the other, the Serbs are entrenched.

All the way across central Serbia, sixty miles from Nish to their present position, the Serbs have fought every step of the way. The invaders' advance was slow in the face of this desperate resistance and on account of the difficulties of the country.

### Main Battle Soon.

Whether they have come up to the Serbs in sufficient force for an immediate attack is not yet known. In any event, it is felt that there can be a delay of but a few hours before the main battle begins.

If the struggle lasts long, it is believed the whole Serbian force will be captured. A detour around their position by the Austrians to the southwest and by the Germans and Bulgarians to the northwest, from Pristina, will form a cordon completely around the Serbs.

At best, it appears that the Serbs must be driven to the westward from the plains into the Montenegro mountains. Their capture of this force will complete the Teutonic cordon along the Serbia and San Jak of Navibazar, which became Serbian following the Turkish war.

Capture of Pristina by the Austrians marked their advance to about 150 miles south of the northern Serbian boundary.

The fate of Monastir is still in the balance. Reports emanating from Athens state that the Bulgarians, having regard for Greek susceptibilities, are waiting for the Germans to come up and occupy the city.

In the entente capitals renewed confidence is professed that Greece is moving toward complete agreement with the wishes of the allies.

Berlin has revived the report that Russia is contemplating a great campaign in the Balkans, for which a large army has been gathered at Odessa. The Germans who have given publicity to this report do not seem at all sure Rumania will refuse permission to this army to cross her territory.

Petrograd reports a slight advance along the Styra river, with sharp checks for the German and Austrians, and both the northern and southern portions of the eastern front. Vienna, however, says there is nothing worthy of report along this line. Nevertheless, there is apprehension in Vienna and Berlin of the result of the expected Russian offensive in the extreme southern part of the Balkans.

Italy looks for the immediate fall of Gorizia, which, according to the latest reports, is dominated by artillery on both sides and forms a normal man's land.

### ITALIANS RAIKED ON ISONZO FRONT.

London, Nov. 24.—Italian troops now landing on the Albanian coast, will strike at once across the country for the Serbian frontier, according to Swiss advices today.

The Italian plan is understood to be to strike at the flank of the Austro-German forces engaged in the southern drive through Serbia. Montenegrin forces are expected to co-operate with them.

The march across Albania is but forty or fifty miles, but will be attended with great difficulty owing to the mountainous country and the absence of roads.

### Austrians Raked on Isonzo Front.

Geneva, Nov. 24.—Carrying the Austrian position between Salventino and Pademora by a smashing charge, the Italians have taken two trenches defending the Pademora bridge on the Isonzo line, according to news received from the front today.

One thousand Austrian prisoners fell into the Italians' hands. A terrific bombardment of the whole Austrian Isonzo front continues today.

Every day sees an increase in the violence of the Italian attack on Goritz. Shells are literally showered upon the Austrian position at the Carigebend. Both sides are steadily strengthening their forces. The losses have been enormous.

The Italians have suffered more heavily than the Austrians who are fighting in defended positions.

Rome, Nov. 24.—The Austrian war council has decided that Germany must be asked to send reinforcements to the troops holding the Isonzo line.

## FORD CHARTERS A PEACE SHIP; TO EUROPE DEC. 4

### New York, Nov. 24.—Henry Ford today announced he had chartered the liner Oscar II as a peace ship to sail from New York on December 4, carrying American delegates to a peace conference to be held in Europe.