

CHRISTMAS shopping now is a question of when, not what, you buy.

The Topeka State Journal

WEATHER forecast for Kansas: Fair tonight and probably Friday; warmer in the south tonight and in the north Friday.

HOME EDITION

TOPEKA, KANSAS, THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 9, 1915—TEN PAGES

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KAISER LOSES ENTIRE STAFF

Every Officer of 82d German Division Is Captured. Russians Surprise Teutons in Wild Night Attack. Two Generals, One a Division Commander Caught in Trap. One Colonel Was Killed While Trying to Escape. TAKE MANY VALUABLE PAPERS

Nothing Escaped Cossacks Who Shot Down the Germans.

Small Company of Scouts Performed Fearless Deed.

Petersburg, Dec. 9.—The entire staff of the eighty-second German army division was captured by Russian scouts and brought as prisoners into the Russian lines as the result of a daring night raid recently, according to unofficial accounts which have just been received.

Under cover of darkness, a small company of scouts worked its way past the German trenches toward the German base. Emerging from a wood the scouts found themselves close to a village. They stopped and sent forward a reconnoitering party. The latter soon came upon a German sentry, who gave the alarm. Ten

HER LAST COLONY

British Planning to Capture German East Africa.

The Kaiser Will Then Have No Foreign Holdings.

New York, Dec. 9.—A new campaign to capture German East Africa, Germany's last remaining colony, has been placed in control of General Botha, premier of British South Africa, and conqueror of German Southwest Africa.

The ostensible reason for the South Africans engaging by themselves in this difficult undertaking is the danger arising from the armistice negotiations by the Germans and the preaching among the blacks of a holy war against the Christians. This, however, is not the true reason.

The expedition in reality, owes its origin to the desire of the British government within the United Kingdom for not having persisted in their earlier imperial operations against the German East African colony. The Germans have been able to retain their East coast colony because of a number of factors which have overtaken British operations in both the northern and southern areas.

The Teutons, however, have organized respectable fighting units of native blacks since the outbreak of the war and have inflicted defeats on the small British battalions that have tried in haphazard fashion to secure possession of the immense area of the colony.

SAYS HE'S A BAD MAN

Lulu H. Brewer Files a Suit for Divorce and Rights of Property Against Her Husband

Suit for divorce wherein Leon J. Brewer is charged with sensational domestic offenses, was filed this morning in the Shawnee county district court by Lulu H. Brewer. The wife's petition charges that Brewer was all too free with his "cuss words" and states that the defendant has stated that "the plaintiff is not worth anything for anything but to run the streets looking for men."

Take Men Out of Trenches By Christmas

Aboard Peace Ship Oscar II, by way of wireless to Cape Race, Newfoundland, Dec. 9.—Premier Asquith's declaration in the house of commons yesterday that the allies will consider any serious peace proposals, was received with great rejoicing by voyagers aboard the Ford peace ship today.

The message was transmitted by wireless to the "Culture" of New York, editor of the Evening Mail.

ON 'TERMS' AGAIN

United States and Mexico Resume Diplomatic Relations.

Eliseo Arredondo Has Been Appointed Ambassador.

FLETCHER MAY GO TO MEXICO

America Apparently Ready to Do Her Part Soon.

It Is First Step Toward Full Friendship as Nations.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The first step toward the resumption of full diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico was taken today in the appointment of Eliseo Arredondo, General Carranza's confidential representative in Washington, as Mexican ambassador to the United States. The appointment of an American ambassador to Mexico, in all likelihood Henry P. Fletcher, at present ambassador to Chile, soon will be made.

OUT OF DEBT JAN. 1

Kansas Will Owe No One at End of This Month.

Nearly \$160,000 in Bonds To Be Redeemed on That Date.

Kansas will be free from debt January 1, 1916, it is said, and will be the only state in the Union so situated financially. Earl Akers, state treasurer, announced today.

As a result members of the state executive council are planning a celebration to be held on New Year's day in the rotunda of the state house.

On that day the \$150,000 in bonds outstanding against the state will be redeemed.

It is planned that as a part of the celebration these shall be burned in a "funeral pyre" for the state's indebtedness. It is planned that the governor and a number of state officials shall make addresses.

FORM LABOR BAND

Two Million Men in England Organize Union.

Expect to Control Wage and Work Condition.

London, Dec. 9.—The largest labor organization in the history of England, representing about 2,000,000 men, was formed today for the purpose of offensive or defensive action in matters respecting wages and conditions of work.

Wages and conditions of work, the organization comprising the alliance are the Miners' federation, the National Union of Railway Men and the National Transport workers' union.

HETTY BOWS HERSELF

World's Wealthiest Woman Buys Theater Box for First Time in Her Life.

New York, Dec. 9.—Hetty Green, "the world's wealthiest woman" appeared in a box at the Longacre theater Wednesday night. As far as records can be traced, this is the first time she has engaged a box in a theater. Mrs. Green appeared to be very feeble and was aided to her seat by ushers. Much to the latter's surprise, Mrs. Green belied her reputation for anything but a two-dollar bill in return for the services.

GERMANS WILL LEAVE STATES AFTER THE WAR

German Consul at San Francisco Disgusted With Us.

"I Don't Like This Country," He Says. (Well Then Good-By.)

'OTHERS VIOLATE NEUTRALITY'

He Charges England and Japan With Shortcomings.

Alleges That Federal Offices Countenance It.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—Declaring himself disgusted with America, and stating that he would return to the Fatherland, German Consul Bott of this city today predicted a general exodus of German-Americans after the European war.

Bott charged that both England and Japan violated American neutrality, and in alleging federal officials countenanced such violation, cited the following:

Canadian automobiles bought for Canada were stored in a Buffalo, N. Y., armory; C. C. Crowley, a detective Bott employed, gave him this information.

An American tug left San Francisco early in the war to aid the Japanese cruiser Asama, stranded at Turtle Bay.

Japanese cruisers smuggled Japanese recruits aboard after having hung them up in Fresno and Los Angeles.

Collectors of Customs Davis allowed the converted British warship Liancourt to enter San Francisco harbor.

Washington decided that, because Sunday intervened, the observance was not a violation of neutrality.

Parts of submarines manufactured in the United States were here, were smuggled into Canada for assembly.

United States and Canadian officials in collusion, permitted Japs to reach Canada to form crews of Japanese warships.

Bott also charged that United States District Attorney Preston, of San Francisco, was pro-Britain.

"I don't like this country any more," said Consul Bott. He refrained from commenting on the president's message attacking hyphenated Americans, but hinted that the president intended to disorganize chiefly at German-Americans.

Consul Lempe, of the consulate, approved Bott's statement.

ON TO THE HAGUE!

The Peace Pilgrims Hope to Pass Through Germany.

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A special train will be dispatched to Stockholm to recruit and transport Swedish delegates, and another special train will bring Danish delegates from Copenhagen. Leaving Scandinavia the party purposes going direct to the Hague by rail.

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On the Hague, Dutch, Spanish and Swiss delegates are expected to join the party, and with their arrival permanent organization will be attempted by passing a two-dollar bill to the warring nations.

After a stormy start which caused much delay, the Oscar II was making good progress today, though she will probably be four days late reaching Christiania.

TWO STEAMERS SUNK

British and Greek Suffer in Apparent Submarine Attacks Today.

London, Dec. 9.—The British steamer Veria and the Greek steamer Gouladrif have been sunk.

The Veria of 5,229 tons gross was owned by the Cunard line. She was wrecked on the coast of the island of Genoa, on November 11 from Liverpool. The Gouladrif is probably the largest cross built in 1895.

BLOW UP MUNITIONS

French Artillery Succeeds in Dropping Disastrous Shells on Germans.

Paris, Dec. 9.—In the Champagne district French artillery has caused the explosion of a German depot of munitions at a point near St. Souplet, according to an announcement this afternoon by the French war office.

Gives Speech On "Jitney" Peace Ship

New York, Dec. 9.—A wireless message from the steamer Oscar II signed and prepaid by Henry Ford, was received here today. The message gave a summary of a speech delivered on board last night by Judge Ben Lindsey, of Denver, in which he declared that the spirit of love would be more effective in international politics than military forces.

Judge Lindsey argued against the "preparation policy" basing a part of his contention on the assertion that firearms are unknown in the reform prison camps in Colorado except when they are needed to protect the convicts from persons living near the camps. He compared a militaristic element with the "third degree policeman" and deprecated the efforts of force in either case.

FORCED TO DECIDE

Anglo-French Forces Backed to Greek Frontier.

Constantine May Have to Choose His Enemies.

FORGES SENT TO FRONTIER

Military Action May Be Taken Despite Conditions.

Front Under Heavy Attack by German-Bulgars.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Four towns near the southwestern Serbian frontier have been captured by the Bulgarians, the war office announced today. They are Ochrida, 18 miles north of the Greek border; Struga, northeast of Ochrida; Dibra, 35 miles above Ochrida; and Djakova, over the border in southwestern Montenegro.

Athens, Dec. 9.—The Anglo-French forces have begun to retire from the Serbian frontier, according to official dispatches today. It is believed here the withdrawal is part of a general plan determined upon immediately after the Serbian retreat.

How far the expeditionary forces intend to withdraw was not indicated. But dispatches from Greek frontier points during the night reported the

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"SORORITY" FUSS UP

School Board Will Hear Both Sides of High School Girls' Troubles This Evening.

The report of Superintendent H. B. Wilson on the explosion of the thirteen alleged sorority girls from the Topeka high school will be heard by the school board this evening at a called meeting. Several parents of the girls will be there to present their side of the matter.

"I can not say as to what action will be taken by the board," said Dr. C. B. Van Horn, president of the board, today. "Of course I know my view of the affair but will not venture a guess to what the other members will do."

New Munition Factory. New Haven, Dec. 9.—Announcement was made today of the sale by the Marlin Fire Arms company of its plant here to the Marlin Arms corporation, a new concern with a capital stock of \$2,800,000. The new company, it was said, expects to receive large contracts for war material for Europe.

DECLARES WAR WITH GERMANY IS INEVITABLE

Paris Newspaper Says It Appears in Book of Destiny.

"America Must Choose Hour or Let Kaiser Do It."

SPENT \$50,000,000 IN VAIN?

German-American Terrorist Is Featured in Comment.

Wilson's Message Meets With Approval in France.

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Paris, Dec. 9.—The outstanding feature of the situation on the Serbian front as shown by information received here is that Albanian tribesmen, particularly the redoubtable Arnauts, have risen against the fragments of the Serbian forces which have succeeded in holding across the frontier into the Albanian mountains.

Military writers here express the belief that the Serbians have little mercy to expect from the Albanians who still maintain the blood feud, declared after the Serbian assimilation of the coast of Albania, and which was occupied by them during and after the Balkan war with Turkey.

All Armies Out. With the exception of a small band of Serbians, the remnants of the Montenegrin army north of Ochrida Lake, no part of the Serbian armies remain in the west with complete freedom of movement, without artillery or troop trains, and only supplies they can carry on their backs, are struggling not only with the pursuing Bulgarians, Austro-Germans and hostile Albanians, but with the rigors of full winter in the pastures of the Albanian mountains. Military men here express the belief that not even a fragment will succeed in crossing the Alps.

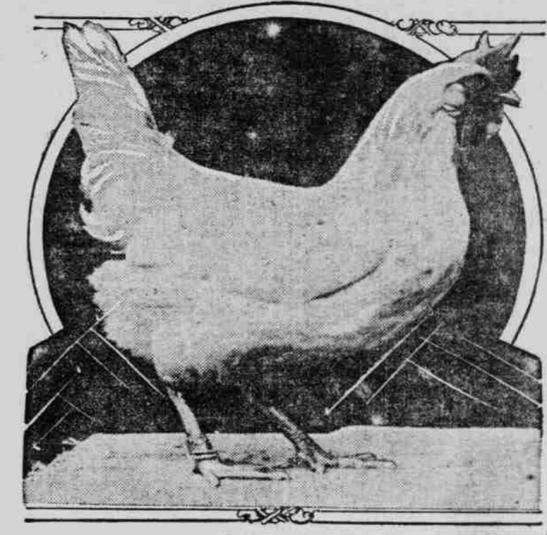
The Montenegrin army with such Serbians as were able to retreat in confusion with it, is said to be in slightly better plight. The Montenegrins have been driven from their strong mountain positions along the crest of the Subodof range, 3,500 feet high on the northeastern frontier. The Austrians stormed these positions at the point of artillery preliminaries.

Austrians Win Victory. The Montenegrins were badly defeated, it is reported, but managed to retreat to a safe body, and are conducting operations on their own soil with a line of retreat and supply through a friendly country. An enveloping movement on a big scale, however, is reported to be in progress, and Austrian forces, advancing into the Black mountains from three sides in an overwhelming force, may succeed in rounding up and bagging the Montenegrin army. Military experts believe. The opinion is expressed that this prospect may explain the suggestion of a separate peace reported to have been addressed by Montenegro to the entente powers.

Bulgars Take Four Towns. Berlin, Dec. 9.—Bulgarian troops have captured Struga, Ochrida, Debia and Dyakova, in extreme southwestern Serbia, clearing a practicable route for the region of Serbian forces, the war office announced this afternoon.

Occupies More Villages. Sofia, Dec. 9.—Bulgarian troops have occupied the railway station of Dval, in extreme southwestern Serbia, and also shelled the Italian wireless station, the Montenegrin censors reported today. Several Albanian, Montenegrin and Italian vessels were sunk.

DRAWING ROOM CAR FOR CHAMPION HEN; LADY EGLANTINE LAYS 314 EGGS IN YEAR



Lady Eglantine.

New York, Dec. 9.—Occupying a drawing room in a Pennsylvania train and guarded by a half dozen men, Lady Eglantine arrived in New York from Philadelphia to be exhibited at the poultry show at the Grand Central Palace.

Lady Eglantine is a White Leghorn pullet, who holds the world's egg-laying record and whose owner, A. M. Christian of Philadelphia, values her at \$100,000. She is two years old and has laid 314 eggs in the past year.

Although the average product of the ordinary hen is seventy eggs a year, Lady Eglantine, in the national contest which closed on November 1, broke all records by laying 314 eggs in 365 days. She was brought up at the Delaware College Experimenting station at Newark, Del.

It is claimed that the manner of her raising has proved conclusively that the product of a hen in eggs may be developed to its highest degree by training. When Lady Eglantine is not on exhibit at the Grand Central Palace she is being guarded in her apartments at one of New York's leading hotels.

TROUBLE BREWING POWDER CITY FIRE

Probe Into Munitions Strike Brings Unexpected Facts.

German and Austrian Consuls May Be Charged by Jury.

New York, Dec. 9.—Important and unexpected developments have occurred in the government investigation into the alleged activities of Franz von Smetana, an associate of the German strikes in munition factories it was learned today from federal officials in charge of the inquiry. It was announced today that a large number of new witnesses would appear before the grand jury next week. It was stated at the federal building that "things were sizzling."

For the first time it was officially admitted that certain German and Austrian consuls may be mentioned in the report of the grand jury. It was also stated that one of the subjects which has been given close attention by the jurors was the strike at the General Electric company's works at Schenectady last summer. Twelve thousand workers were involved in this strike which lasted several weeks. At the time it was reported that German influences were behind the strikers. The General Electric company has large contracts with the allies for munitions.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 9.—Hopewell, the new Dupont powder factory town near Petersburg, was burning at 3 p. m. today.

The last message to come out interrupted said the powder plant was not yet affected.

U. S. Sends Her Note to Austria on Ancona Incident.

Reparation for American Lives and Promise of Relief.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Ambassador Penfield at Vienna was expected to deliver today the note of the United States asking that the Austro-Hungarian government disavow the submarine attack upon the Italian liner Ancona, punish the submarine commander, make reparation for the American lives lost and give assurances that there will be no repetition of such acts.

The note was started to Vienna by cable Tuesday and while there has been no report on its receipt it is supposed it must have reached Ambassador Penfield last night or early today.

Until the communication is given out for publication officials decline to discuss its contents. It is said, however, that while couched in diplomatic language it is vigorous in tone and carries a preface more emphatic than any of the communications sent to Germany following the Lusitania disaster.

CONGRESS AT ST. JOE

Many Kansans at Third Annual Interstate Agricultural Show.

St. Joe, Dec. 9.—The third annual interstate Agricultural and Industrial congress opened today to continue three days.

Many of the leading agriculturists, horticulturists and dairy experts of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa are in attendance.

Large exhibits of corn and apples are shown and special attention is given to a dairy show.

STOPS U. S. VESSELS

French Cruiser Takes German Prisoner From Limer and Searches Passengers.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 9.—The Porto Rico liner Cosma was stopped by the French cruiser "Eclair" because it took four German fishermen from the schooner "Hazard" which was being searched from 2 to 5:30 o'clock. The officers, the crew and the outfit list of passengers were examined.

New York Heats of It. New York, Dec. 9.—Two American vessels were stopped and searched by a French cruiser which has been cruising from San Juan, received today by the New York Herald Tribune.

It was stated that their vessels Cosma and Carolina had been held up and searched.

READY TO TALK PEACE

Germany Promises to Accept Proposals From Allies.

Imperial Chancellor Addresses the Reichstag Today.

FOLLY TO TAKE A LEAD NOW

If "Enemies" Will Offer Terms, Kaiser Will Listen.

Hungarian Premier Invites Rumania To Be Friendly.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—The Imperial German Chancellor, Von Bethmann-Hollweg, today refused to state possible terms of peace in reply to the demand made by German Socialists. Instead he made it plain to a great gathering in the reichstag that any peace proposals must come from Germany's enemies.

"For the German nation," said the chancellor, "this war has always remained what it was at the beginning—a war of defense for the German nation and her future."

He said today after Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg had made his reply to the socialist interpellation regarding peace today the other parties down a joint declaration approving the chancellor's utterances and endorsing the view that in the conditions of peace made after the war there must be guarantees for Germany's safety and, "even if this implies annexation of territory."

The chancellor made it clear that in his opinion it would be folly for Germany to propose peace "as long as in the conditions of peace there are no guarantees and ignorance of statements are entangled with confusion of public opinion."

"Conscious of her military success," the chancellor said, "Germany declines responsibility for a further continuation of the war."

Germany, he declared, could not be charged with the purpose of fighting on to make further conquest.

Threatens British Campaign. When Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg rose to reply to the interpellation presented by Dr. Scheidemann, Socialist leader, the speaker fell over the whole house, but was soon broken by manifestations of approval. Several times the duties interrupted him with cheers.

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg began by saying that in the countries at war

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STILL ABOVE NORMAL

Temperature for Past 24 Hours 9 Degrees Higher Than the Average for This Date.

Above normal temperature is the feature of the weather, the sky continuing clear and the mercury barely dropping below freezing at night. The lowest temperature last night was 27 degrees. The average for the past 24 hours was 9 degrees above normal. On this date in 1909 the temperature was 10 degrees below zero.

The forecast calls for fair weather tonight and probably Friday; warmer in the south tonight and in the north Friday. The shippers' forecast says to protect 35 hour shipments north and west against temperatures of 30 degrees; south and east, above freezing.

The highest temperature on record for this date was in 1896 when the mercury went up to 46 degrees. The Kaw river maintains a stage of 6.1 feet.

Temperatures today averaged 7 degrees above normal. The wind blew at the rate of 15 miles an hour from the southeast. Following are hourly temperature readings for today:

7 o'clock	29	11 o'clock	46
8 o'clock	31	12 o'clock	48
9 o'clock	33	1 o'clock	50
10 o'clock	35	2 o'clock	52

May Elect Mrs. Burrows Mayor Today. Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 9.—City election was in progress here today. Milton Evans, Republican, and Mrs. Elizabeth Burrows were being balloted on for mayor. The Democrats did not nominate a mayoralty candidate.

13 MORE SLEEPING DAYS

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