

READ that the weather and the farmer have done for Kansas this year.

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WEATHER forecast for Kansas: Snow tonight, and colder in the northwestern part of Kansas; much colder Thursday.

POSTSCRIPT

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## VALUE OF PRODUCTS A RECORD BREAKER

Greatest Live Stock and Crop Showing in Kansas.

Wonderful Report Made by Secretary of Agriculture.

FIELD CROP ALONE 341 MILLION

Live Stock 310 Million—Grand Total, \$652,217,081.

Wheat Was Worth \$85,000,000 and Corn \$73,000,000 in Year.

Value of field crops and live stock in Kansas for 1915 reached \$652,217,081 and broke all records, according to a report today by J. C. Mohler, secretary of the state board of agriculture.

Field crops, as reported by Mohler, were this year worth \$341,561,439, the second highest record for the state. Last year's big wheat crop boosted the 1914 crop showing to 376 million, the high water mark. Against the loss of 35 million in field crops, the state gained 56 million in value of live stock. In 12 months the value of live stock jumped from \$254,955,493 to \$370,655,642.

Records as shown in the Mohler report today, reveal the fact that in four years, Kansas has grown her three greatest crops. The report for 1912 set a new record. Then it was eclipsed by the 1914 crop. This year's crops were second only to those of 1914 and the 1912 record ranks third.

The year's wheat yield, Mohler's report shows, was 25,708,176 bushels, an average of 12.5 bushels from the total acreage of the state. The year's wheat crop was worth \$85,000,000. Corn crop value, \$73,000,000. Not since 1888 has the average yield of corn in Kansas equaled the 1915 record. The acreage for the year, however, was below several previous records. From the 4,537,228 acres planted to corn, a yield of 142,652,140 bushels was grown. The average yield was 31.2 bushels to the acre. Value of the year's corn crop, Mohler reports, was \$72,547,443.

Potato Yield at \$2,700,000.

Sorghum crops, under the report from nearly 1,000 growers, were worth \$27,551,271.

Slightly more than 30 a ton was received for the 4,647,978 ton alfalfa crop. The year's yield was worth \$28,452,920.

The potato yield was valued at \$2,700,000, while the hay crop for 1915 was worth \$4,399,489. Millet grown in Kansas this year was reported worth \$1,025,740.

Except in 1914, the crops of Kansas crops failed to reach the high point set this year. It was the enormous wheat crop which sent the 1914 crop record to 376 million bushels in a period of four years, however, the state's three high records for cash value of crops have been established. The 1915 record, which takes second place, is just 35 million dollars less.

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## WORKS 50 YRS. FOR RAILROAD GETS A PENSION

St. Louis, Dec. 29.—Announcement that George W. Davis, general freight agent of the Vandalia, part of the Pennsylvania system, would retire January 1 on a pension, was made today.

Mr. Davis has been with the Pennsylvania system more than fifty years. Charles B. Sudborough, new assistant general freight agent, will succeed him; and Benjamin H. Dally, division freight agent at St. Louis, will become assistant general freight agent.

## POSTSCRIPT BIG FIGHT IS OFF

Willard-Fulton Championship Fight Definitely Canceled.

Tom Jones, Champion's Manager, Backs Down Agreement.

New Orleans, Dec. 29.—The 20 round fight for the heavyweight championship scheduled for March 4, in this city, between Jess Willard of Kansas and Fred Fulton, was definitely declared off here late today by Tom Jones, Willard's manager and Tommy Burns, local promoter, who was a partner of Dominick J. Lortorich in the fight agreement.

## SLIGHTLY NERVOUS

Diplomats on Nettles Awaiting Austrian Reply.

Note Is Due at White House Today or Tomorrow.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Another climax in Austro-American relations approached today.

Austria's second note on the Ancona disaster was scheduled to arrive late today or tomorrow. Ambassador Penfield advised the state department that its delivery by the Vienna foreign office was imminent. As it takes from 24 to 48 hours for communication between Vienna and Washington, officials could not say exactly when the note will arrive, however.

Officials remarked today upon the parallel presented in the Ancona disaster and the Lusitania case. In Germany's second note regarding the Lusitania, heralded by the same tension and gravity that exists today, an arbitration suggestion was advanced. Unofficial information here is that Austria's second note will also propose arbitration or submission of the whole matter to a special commission.

If the Austrian reply fails to comply with this government's demands, officials admitted today that there probably will be another exchange of notes before an actual breach of diplomatic relations occurs.

## DISCUSS PROHIBITION

Anti-Booze Meeting at Pan-American Congress a Big Feature.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Discussion of prohibition of the use of alcohol in the Pan-American congress, to the section of crime directed a greater interest to the members of the Pan-American scientific congress, to the section studying public health and medical science, but those discussing international law with the members of the International law society continued to attract attention.

## LAST MINUTE NEWS.

Villa Recruiting Army.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 29.—General Francisco Villa, according to latest reports, is at the Babicora ranch, the Hearst property near Madera, attempting to recruit forces. Andreas Garcia, Mexican consul here, stated that 1,200 former Villa troops were mustered out at Juarez. He stated 1,200 others had reached Chihuahua City up to today and of these 800 had been mustered out.

Wilson and Heide in Storm.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 29.—Rain followed sunshine and the president and his wife, out for a walk, were caught in the sudden storm. A White House automobile took them, dripping, back to the hotel.

To Help Officials.

Laredo, Dec. 29.—Reports reaching here from Mexico City today say that First Chief Carranza has decreed that office holders who have failed to support the Carranza cause shall be removed from public office. Advice is that the decree is being applied leniently. The decree says that offices thus vacated shall be filled by loyal supporters of the constitutional cause.

## HIGH LIGHTS IN EUROPE'S WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

Grand Duke Nicholas made a frantic effort to check the German onslaught through Poland.

Rally gave Turkey 48 hours to release the British consul at Hodeida.

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Japan was reported ready to send troops to the allies.

## KANSAS BANKS ARE LOADED UP

They Hold Much Paper of White Insurance Companies.

System of High Finance Discovered by Investigators.

ONE CONCERN HAS \$25,000

None of the Topeka Institutions Is Affected by Move.

Entanglement of Accounts Still Presents Difficulties.

Reports that Kansas state banks are carrying thousands of dollars' worth of the paper of J. H. White and his insurance companies, this afternoon declared off here late today by Tom Jones, state bank commissioner, for an investigation of collaterals in a number of banks was assured that to have \$25,000 worth of White's paper in its vaults. None of the state banks in Topeka has been affected by the shake-up of the three insurance companies controlled by the Kansas City man, Benson declared.

When reports came to the state bank commissioner today concerning the manner in which the White paper is said to have been floated, Commissioner Benson immediately ordered an investigation. He communicated by telephone with several examiners and in a few days special reports will be received from all of the banks which loaned money on the paper of the three insurance companies.

Thousands of dollars' worth of notes from Kansas farmers and business men are being floated, according to White and his associates as collateral for loans. In some instances, it is reported, White secured money from Kansas banks on his personal notes. In other cases, notes were placed with a bank as collateral for a number of loans. It was assumed that credit certificates were issued and are said to have been noted at other banks.

## DRINKERS TO DIE

Mexico Going "Dry" Under Drastic Penalty.

All Carranza Governors to Enforce Prohibition.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—All of western Mexico from Topeka to the border, soon will be "dry," according to a statement today by Thomas D. Boyd, Jr., manager of the United Fruit company's territory, according to a statement today by Thomas D. Boyd, Jr., manager of the United Fruit company's territory, according to a statement today by Thomas D. Boyd, Jr., manager of the United Fruit company's territory.

All Carranza governors, said Boyd, are thinking of making their states dry. The project is backed with favor by Carranza, he added.

## MORE SNOW ON WAY

A Much Lower Temperature Tomorrow Is the Forecast.

More snow, and a drop in temperature is the prospect for Topeka in the next 26 hours. The forecast calls for a normal to below normal temperature; much colder Thursday. The wind this morning was in the east giving promise of a fulfillment of the prediction.

The lowest temperature in the last 24 hours was 8 degrees at 8 o'clock this morning. This is 9 degrees below the normal for this time. The lowest temperature on record for this date was 1 below zero in 1909. The high was 42 degrees in 1884.

The Kaw river has risen slightly since Tuesday morning and was running full of ice today. The stage this morning was 7.5 feet.

Temperatures today averaged 9 degrees below normal. The shippers' forecast says to expect 35 hour shipments of the season last night.

Wire Service Crippled.

Little Rock, Dec. 29.—The first severe snow of the season last night followed rains of Monday and Tuesday and today telephone and telegraph wires were down. The service has been badly crippled by the falling of sleet-laden wires.

Bulgars Capture El Bassan.

Paris, Dec. 29.—Bulgarian troops have defeated the serbs and occupied the Albanian city of El Bassan, according to a Geneva dispatch to the Temps today.

## Five Children Eat Poisoned Candy and Die

Boston, Dec. 29.—Five children are dead and several others are seriously ill as a result, it is believed, of having eaten poisoned candy. The police of the Brighton district, co-operating with the Cambridge anatomist, are investigating the possibility that some one might have been criminally responsible.

## Liner Is 250 Miles at Sea, Cutter to Aid

New York, Dec. 29.—Summoned by a wireless call for help, the coast guard cutter Seneca is speeding to the aid of the Greek steamer Thessaloniki. With 300 passengers aboard the Thessaloniki was in distress this morning about 250 miles east of New York and laboring toward this port at the rate of two miles an hour.

The Greek vessel is bound from Piraeus, Greece, to New York. Last Wednesday when 700 miles from the American coast she sent out her first "S. O. S." call reporting that her boiler and engine rooms had been partly flooded in a heavy storm. The steamship Stampalia hurried to her relief but soon received word that the Thessaloniki would not require aid.

Yesterday morning the Thessaloniki reported by wireless that she was 300 miles east of Sandy Hook and in no danger. Early today the Atlantic transport liner Mongolia, lying at anchor off Sandy Hook, picked up a wireless message from the Thessaloniki saying that she was again in distress, which left the harbor at 3:20 a. m. will require nearly twenty hours to reach the steamer.

## TO LEAVE TOPEKA

Now Comes Report That Rock Island Offices Will Go.

Office of the General Manager Will Be Split Up.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Through the consolidation of three operating districts of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway, two general managers are now in charge of the work formerly handled by three similar officials. The change went into effect today because of the retirement of J. M. Sloan, receiver for the road, who discussed the situation today because of the retirement of J. E. Sweet, as general manager of the Rock Island at Topeka, to become vice president of the Denver & Rio Grande.

The district formerly under the charge of Mr. Sweet has been divided into two districts. The district remaining two operating districts of the road the heads of which are C. W. Jones, general manager at Des Moines, Iowa, and T. H. Beason, general manager at El Reno, Okla.

The operative head of the Rock Island at Topeka, to become vice president of the Denver & Rio Grande.

## THREE SHIPS DOWN

Three Killed When Dutch Trawler Struck a Mine.

Storm Claims Two Norwegian Boats; Two Known Dead.

London, Dec. 29.—Three vessels of neutral nations have been sunk by mines or have gone down in the heavy gale which has swept over Great Britain in the last twenty-four hours. The Dutch trawler Erin, was blown up by a mine, according to an Amateur report. Three of her crew were killed, three were wounded and the other eight were rescued. The mine became entangled in the trawler's nets.

The Norwegian steamer Harnalen was sunk north of Bergen, with a loss of one life. Bergen dispatches did not state the cause. It is believed she either struck a mine or foundered in the gale.

Dispatches from Penzance, Wales, today, reported that packages from the Norwegian steamer Heidrun and a body, about which was stranded on the Heidrun's life belts, washed ashore at Mullion. The Heidrun is reported to have gone down in the storm.

## GERMAN PEACE TERMS?

Unofficially Reported Tensions Demand Poland From Russia.

London, Dec. 29.—Though the Wolff bureau specifically declares that through circulating this summary it is not representing the government in putting out "peace feelers" that view was generally taken here today. British officials ridicule the alleged peace program, commenting sarcastically on the idea that Germany would exact heavy indemnities from the allies.

The peace terms suggested by the Swiss newspaper and printed in Germany call for: Evacuation of Belgium and northern France by Germany; Establishment of Polish kingdom under domination of Germany; and payment of a large sum annually to Germany by Russia.

Payment to Germany by Belgium of \$25,000,000 annually; Germany to be permitted to occupy the Ruhr.

## NO USE FOR OWL CARS AFTER STATE GOES "DRY"

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 29.—Beginning Sunday night, two nights after state-wide prohibition becomes effective, street cars will not run after midnight, according to announcements made today by the street car companies. Officials of the companies stated that a majority of the passengers of the after midnight cars were patrons of saloons.

## ROOSEVELT IN STIRRING THEME ADVOCATES WAR

Condemns Pacifists' Theory for "Abolition" of It.

"Folly, Absentness, Politroonery," Declares Teddy.

WHY NOT ABOLISH POLICE?

Force Necessary to Sustain Right Is Slogan.

Paper by Ex-President Read Before Sociological Society.

Washington, Dec. 29.—A paper by Theodore Roosevelt on "Social Values and National Existence" furnished a theme for an animated discussion today before the American Sociological society in annual session here. It was read by Professor Edward A. Ross, of the University of Wisconsin, president of the society.

"Infinitely the most important fact to remember in connection with the war and militarism in relation to moral social values," wrote Mr. Roosevelt, "is that if an unscrupulous, warlike and militaristic nation is not held in check by the warlike ability of a neighboring, non-militaristic and well behaved nation, then the latter will be spared the necessity of dealing with 'moral and social values' because it won't be allowed to deal with any." It seems to me positively comic to fall to appreciate, with the example of Belgium before our eyes that the real question which modern peace loving nations have to face is not how the militaristic, or warlike spirit within their own borders will affect these values, but how failure on their part to resist the militarism of an unscrupulous neighbor will affect them."

## GALE, RAIN, ICE

Gulf Coast and Mississippi Valley Are Storm Swept.

Ice Covers Streets of Many Southern Cities.

Mobile, Dec. 29.—Extensive damage was reported early today along the gulf coast and adjacent territory as the result of a storm which swept over this section last night. Telegraph and telephone wires are reported prostrated in every direction. This morning Birmingham, Montgomery and other cities still were cut off from communication with the rest of the world.

Mobile's only means of communication by way of New Orleans. A heavy downpour of rain accompanied the storm, two inches of precipitation being recorded here. At Demopolis, Ala., the rainfall was 3.6 inches, and at Birmingham 2.32. The velocity of the wind was 40 miles an hour.

## SAYS NOT GUILTY

Sing Sing Warden Answers Grand Jury Indictment.

Characterizes Charge as "Foul Conspiracy."

New York, Dec. 29.—Thomas M. Osborne, warden of Sing Sing prison, went to White Plains today for appearance before the supreme court to answer to indictments by the West Chester county grand jury charging him with perjury, neglect of duty, mismanagement and immorality. Riley's intention to remove him as soon as a successor could be found, the warden said.

"I know Superintendent Riley is not a party to the foul conspiracy against me. He will give me a fair show while waiting to see whether I am guilty or not. This indictment surely does not convict me nor would it ever do so."

It was learned today that after he was informed of his indictment Mr. Osborne addressed the 1,600 prisoners at Sing Sing, gathered in the mess hall, told them that it was possible he would be suspended and executed from their midst, and that it was the principle of the Mutual Welfare league and to continue order and discipline. Every prisoner in the hall stood up to pledge himself to request that he not be removed.

225 Millions Musical Expense in U. S.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Americans spend annually on musical education \$225,000,000, declared Prof. J. Lawrence Erb of the University of Illinois at the opening of the 27th annual meeting of the Music Teachers' National association here today. He said the close cooperation between the teaching of music and other great educational forces.

## LITTLE OLD NEW YORK NOW IS LARGEST CITY IN WORLD

London, Dec. 29.—New York is the largest city in the world. London by reason of losses occasioned by the war and because of gigantic errors in estimating the population, must now admit the American metropolis to be larger by about a quarter of a million people.

## FORD PEACE PARTY BECOMES JOY RIDE; SO MRS. BOISSEVAIN IS ON WAY BACK



Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissevain.

Stockholm, Dec. 29.—For no other reason than that the Ford peace party has become a joy ride with no definite aim in view, Mrs. Inez Boissevain, prominent suffragist, has abandoned it and will return home at once.

"An organization was not formed until three days before the end of the voyage. The fact I trace all misunderstandings, dissensions, mistakes in policy, inefficiency and inability to get the idea of a mediating peace conference in comprehensive shape before the public."

The organization, when finally formed, was aboveboard. The Scandinavian public, which expected clear thinking and a definite program, were skeptical about the serious-mindedness of the delegates. At the meetings the discussions have been purely private, with the result of ill feeling, suspicions and condemnation of the reasons stated, I am unable to continue with the party."

## BUILD RIGHT AWAY STOUT ON STAND

New Utility Order Won't Affect the Heim Interurban.

Electric Line Will Keep Up Work on Topeka Extension.

MAY COME IN ON NORTH SIDE

Lawrence Order Will Not Delay Kansas City Promotion.

Will Stubbs Crowd Build in on South Side of River.

Refusal of the public utilities commission to permit repair of the Kaw river bridge at Lawrence will not delay the building of the Heim interurban line to Topeka. When the commission this week announced that the Heim line could not enter south Lawrence until a new concrete structure were built, the order was regarded as a knock-out blow to the Kansas City-Topeka interurban promoters. Now it is announced that work will not be delayed.

Recently the Heim interests asked permission to repair the Kaw river bridge to Lawrence. The structure was to be used to carry interurban cars until a new concrete structure was completed. Reports by utilities commission experts were to the effect (Continued on Page Six.)

## PARIS OPENS 60 SHOPS TO CUT PRICE OF MEAT

Paris, Dec. 29.—In view of the refusal of the regular butchers to sell imported frozen meat, which is cheaper than the home product, the city council has voted a credit to enable co-operative societies to open six meat stores in Paris for the exclusive sale of frozen meat.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Fire destroyed a six-story building at Wabash avenue and Randolph street early today causing a loss of \$250,000. The building was occupied by F. E. Foster and Company, shoe dealers, and other firms.

## WELCOME ARREST

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## RUSSIAN LOSS TERRIFIC IN 8 FUTILE DRIVES

Fail to Break Through Austro-Hungarian Lines.

Czar's Men Capture City of 30,000 in Persia.

BULGAR REGIMENT MUTINIES

Turks Claim Further Victory Over Allies.

Eighteen German Soldiers Hurt in Railroad Wreck.

London, Dec. 29.—The Russian offensive on the Bessarabian front apparently is assuming formidable proportions. Unofficial reports from Berlin say the Austrian lines have held so far, although the Russians have attacked eight times since Christmas night, with lavish expenditure of ammunition and men.

Russian troops in Persia, it is reported from Teheran, have occupied Kashan, a city of about 30,000 population 100 miles south of Teheran, and are advancing on Isfahan, 100 miles further south.

The Turks reported continued success for their artillery in interfering with allied operations in the Dardanelles. A battleship of the Agamemnon class and a cruiser were hit by Turkish shells, it is declared. Hand grenade fighting in the Chaulnes sector and bombardment of German positions in the Champagne are the only activities reported by the Paris war office.

The fierce fighting on the Galician-Bessarabian front, of which mention is made in both Russian and Austrian reports, is being continued to support the forecasts that Russia, instead of directly attacking Bulgaria, hopes to reduce the pressure on the entente allies in the Balkans and Asia Minor, and impress Rumania and Greece by a diversion to the north, with the intent if possible, of breaking through the Austrian lines.

The capture of Kashan, one of the (Continued on Page Six.)

## KILLS WIFE, SON

B. W. A. Henson, 60, Slays Spouse With Shotgun.

Then Beats Her 18-Year-Old Boy to Death.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 29.—B. W. A. Henson, 60 years old, formerly of Englewood, Kan., shot and killed his wife here this morning while she was combing her hair.

Using his shotgun as a club he beat to death his 18 year old stepson, Walter Shafer, who went to the aid of his mother. Shafer suffered from partial paralysis. Neighbors attracted to the scene saw the youth killed.

Henson fled from the house and boarded a street car. He was followed and taken from the car in the suburbs of the city and is now under arrest. He declares his wife and stepson were tormented by their father, who committed the double murder in self-defense.

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New York, Dec. 29.—Of the eight men indicted yesterday charged with conspiring with agents of the German government to foment strikes in munitions factories two had surrendered to the federal authorities before noon and a third was in town. For the others warrants issued will be forwarded to Washington for immediate execution.

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## CARNEGIE GIFT BOTH AFFIRMED AND DENIED

Amsterdam, Dec. 29.—Andrew Carnegie has sent \$12,000,000 to Europe for the Belgium relief fund, according to information received here.

New York, Dec. 29.—Representatives of Andrew Carnegie this afternoon issued a flat denial of an Amsterdam report that the iron donor had offered the "Ladies of Liberty" club of the city of New York last night. He is said to have been chairman of the committee on resolutions of the peace council but (Continued on Page Six.)