

NOW a good time to lay aside partisanship—the President comes tomorrow

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WEATHER forecast for Kansas: Fat tonight and probably Wednesday; slowly rising temperature.

HOME EDITION

APPAM CAPTORS BECAME PIRATES

Act Termed Most Daring Deed of World's War.

German Prize Crew Interned as Commerce Raiders.

RACE ACROSS ATLANTIC TO U.S.

Captured Other Merchant Ships on Way to America.

British Vessel Supposed Lost Shows Up; 451 Aboard.

Washington, Feb. 1.—That the captured British steamer Appam was equipped as a commerce raider by the Germans and captured at least seven vessels on her voyage to America was information contained in a report of Collector of Customs Hamilton at Norfolk to the treasury department.

In keeping with this information it was stated here the Appam had been taken on the station of a man-of-war and ordered interned.

Flying German Flag.

Norfolk, Feb. 1.—The most daring feat of the world war was revealed today when the missing British liner Appam, flying the German flag, sped into Hampton Roads at 5:45 a. m. with a German prize crew aboard.

The Appam, with 150 passengers and a crew of 134, was believed to have foundered in a heavy storm or to have been wrecked off the west African coast two weeks ago while on the way to England. She had been given up as lost by her British owners.

Instead, the big liner was captured by German sailors, presumably from one of the Kaiser's monster U-boats. They headed her about through heavy seas, raced across the Atlantic and the American coast, raced into port today, their movements curtailed only by a light search party of the exploit of the German sailors is without parallel in history.

Bound for England.

United States immigration and customs officials immediately went aboard the Appam, barring all other persons. All details of the capture were not obtainable for several hours, the officials remaining aboard to question officers and passengers. When a U-boat halted the British liner, she was off the Strait of Gibraltar while proceeding from the Atlantic port of Dakar in Senegal to Plymouth.

Only twelve Germans comprised the prize crew that captured 399 Britishers, according to first reports reaching here. A score of German prisoners, being taken to London, were aboard the ship, however, and it is thought probably these were the captives who, with weapons and ordered to help on guard duty.

Wrecked Lifeboat a Ruse.

The 166 passengers, including it is reported, Sir E. M. Bouverton, chief of the British province of Sierra Leone, and his wife and a civilian (Continued on Page Six.)

HOMES FOR 50

That Number of Children Wanted in Topeka.

No Baby That Yells All Night Need Apply.

That 50 Topeka men want to adopt children was the conviction advanced by a group of members of a prominent lodge this morning. They want "em fat, blue-eyed or brown-eyed, and in good health." No money, but all night need apply. Girl babies had the preponderance of votes but the impromptu convention was totally unproductive in attendance.

A baby that is too young will take too much time to care for, agree the would-be foster fathers, and one that is too old has developed evil habits that would take months of spanking to eradicate.

In all seriousness the convention heard young boys and girls, and consumptive. One delegate told of advertising in Topeka papers for an adoptable infant with the result that any number of desirable, all colors, was brought to his attention.

CAUGHT IN TORRENT

Flood Survivor Stops to Dress Up and Has Harrowing Experience.

San Diego, Feb. 1.—The first connected story from an Otay valley survivor came from C. H. Loper, who Lone Pine ranch was swept away. Loper, scarred by two flooding ranches, stopped to change his clothes, and was caught.

"I heard a roar which struck me with terror and I ran for the hills," he said. "A wave hit my knees, and another bowled me over. A straw stack floated over me and was caught in a floating barbed wire fence. I caught a tree branch and lost consciousness. When I came to myself I was on a hillside with the water running over my feet."

Tired of War, To Seek Peace On Houseboat

Paris, Feb. 1.—General Joffre, head of the British army in France, has already arranged to make good his recent declaration: "After the war I shall disappear." He has just bought a houseboat on which he intends to retire at the conclusion of peace for a voyage on the rivers and canals of France, resting up. Madame Joffre is busily supervising the furnishing of her husband's floating home.

"K-5" SHOWS UP

Submarine Believed Lost Arrives Near Destination.

U. S. Plunger Disappeared in Atlantic Two Days Ago.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The submarine K-5 is safe and proceeding under her own steam for Key West, Florida, according to a naval radio message received at the navy department early today from Captain Simpson of the torpedo boat destroyer Sterrett.

Searcher Finds K-5.

The message which came by way of Key West says: "At 3:55 a. m. U. S. S. K-5, five miles southeast Fowey Rock steaming south at ten knots. No casualties and no assistance required." Fowey Rock referred to in the message is a lighthouse and is located about ten miles from Miami. Navy department officials estimated that under the speed the K-5 is making she should reach Key West about 6 p. m. today.

The Sterrett was one of the destroyers ordered by Secretary Daniels to search for the K-5.

Carried Crew of 29.

The K-5 has been making good time on her southward voyage without incident. Anxiety was felt for her safety, as she had become detached from the submarine tender, Tallahassee, and her three sister ships, the K-1, K-2, and K-3, Sunday morning in a dense fog off Cape Roman, S. C. The Tallahassee and the other three submarines entered Charleston harbor Sunday and reported the K-5 had become separated from them during the fog and that efforts to locate her were, at least, less than hoped for.

Several torpedo destroyers, two coast cutters, a light-house tender and a number of other vessels were sent in search of the K-5. She carries a crew of 28 officers and men, commanded by Lieut. R. C. Grady.

GOWNS ARE SWELL

Joliet Discovers Mrs. Wilson Has Wonderful Creations.

"President's Special" Had Only Lone Trunk Aboard.

On Board President's Special. Joliet, Feb. 1.—The president's special Joliet unexpectedly today, after an eleventh hour change in his itinerary, arrived at Joliet with a considerable length was planned for Joliet. Another last minute change was made and the scheduled stop eliminated.

The president's special, which is a motor car, was met by the president and Mrs. Wilson.

Gasps of Admiration.

A stroll through the president's train revealed in all its lone majesty a single trunk surrounded by huge vacant places in the baggage car. It is the only trunk there. "Mrs. Wilson" is the name on the tag and it contains an amount equal to what had been expected from the entire subscription.

The unexpectedly large and rapid response to the loan issue is due in a large measure to the energetic campaign carried out in its favor by President Wilson and other ministers and by the utilizing of the newspapers, the theaters, public posters and other means of drawing the attention of the people to the patriotic effort demanded of them.

BUY ITALY WAR BONDS

People Already Have Purchased Two Billion Lire Worth.

Rome, Feb. 1.—(Via Paris.)—The subscriptions to the Italian war loan today reached 2,000,000,000 lire although the lists have been open only since January 10. They will continue open until February 10 but the government already has received an amount equal to what had been expected from the entire subscription.

Painting 1000 Cat Portraits Costs Eyesight

Pitman, N. J., Feb. 1.—Just as she has finished her thousandth painting of cats, Mrs. E. M. Gardner has been stricken with blindness in her home here. Her sight held out just long enough, or her hands were so shaky, that she could not finish the last picture. Mrs. Gardner began painting 20 years ago in Philadelphia. Ever since she has painted only cats—cats of all types and degrees of aristocratic Persian and plain back yards.

SWAT DAME STYLE

Club Women Rise Up in Rebellion at "Risqué."

10,000 Delegates Will Demand Dress Reform.

THE SPLIT WAIST! SHOCKING!

Evening Gowns Utterly Disgusting, Asserts Leader.

Four Tenets of Reform Will Affect All Ages.

New York, Feb. 1.—Extreme fashions in women's press will be one of the most important topics to be considered at the convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of America, to be held next May, says Mrs. William Grant Brown, chairman of the local board of the federation.

"Ten thousand delegates will take back to their homes a concrete idea of dress reform that will be a blessing to the whole country," said Mrs. Brown. "We believe in the decollete gown so far as it is a work of art, but it should be modest and never sensational. There has grown up a custom of dress for women, especially young girls, that is simply frightful. The extreme split skirt that shocked us once has given place to the extreme split waist. Evening gowns worn nowadays by women who probably mean well but are foolish, are utterly disgusting, being cut in some cases almost to the waist line. These women do not do this to attract attention, but because they are possessed by the idea that to be partly draped is fashionable."

Against Indecent Extremes.

"Most club women want to establish a general rule against indecent extremes in evening dress and a custom of making women's gowns conform to the French four rule."

First, individuality, every woman trying to express her own ideas.

Second, modesty, not puritanism, but a decent regard for what is proper.

Third, good taste, a degree of conformity to the expression of individualism.

Fourth, appropriateness. Young girls should not be dressed like matrons, but women should not dress like girls.

"Many women suggest that if the present custom of sensational dressing continues, the French four rule worship should prohibit women so gowned from appearing on the floor, exactly as indecent dancing is forbidden."

COOP UP 80,000

Turk Garrison in Erzerum Short on Eats.

54 Killed in Zeppelin Raid on London Last Night.

Rome, Feb. 1.—The Gnomes de de Italia learns from Petrograd that Field Marshal von Der Goltz is now in command of the Turkish forces at Erzerum and that there are 80,000 men locked up in the city with provisions for only four days.

The Black Sea fleet is supporting the operation of the Russian forces on land. The Russian navy is now marching on Rostov, according to the same information.

Zeppelins Visit London.

London, Feb. 1.—Fifty-four persons were killed and 67 injured in last night's Zeppelin raid. It apparently was not directed by the course of the raiders being more to the north, possibly taking in the great manufacturing center of Manchester and apparently being intended to seek out and damage or destroy munitions factories.

It is believed to have been an attempt at a third air raid on Paris within three days, was foiled by the British anti-aircraft guns, according to Paris advices.

French Losses Ground.

Berlin, Feb. 1.—The official statement of today from army headquarters states that in the region of the Somme the French have lost more ground in hand grenade encounters.

BANK MEETS HEAVY RUN

Offers Reward of \$5,000 to Find Out Who Stopped It.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 1.—The run which began Saturday on the Farmers Deposit Savings bank was still on today, although the crowd had dwindled to less than a thousand. All demands were promptly paid.

A reward of \$5,000 offered by the bank for information as to who stopped the run had much to do with quieting the excited people.

AUCTION GIRL FOR \$55

Preacher's Daughter Tells Sensational White Slave Case.

New York, Feb. 1.—How she was auctioned on the block in a New York white slave market for \$55, was told by pretty 18-year-old Marie Klein, daughter of the Rev. Charles Klein, of Bethany Reform church, here today following her rescue and capture of "Jimmy Napier," her alleged kidnaper. She had been missing since December 15.

Napier once befriended Miss Klein when hoodlums attacked her on her way home from organ practice at church, according to Rev. Mr. Klein. She was introduced to the Klein home and visited there frequently, saying often he would "always protect Miss Klein."

YET MORE FLOODS

Five Counties Inundated by New Levee Break.

No News as to Fate of 50 Marooned Families.

IN ARKANSAS, WORST IN 25 YEARS

Larger Cities Filling With Refugees in Sad Plight.

State Prison Farm Swept Away—Rescue 1,168 Convicts.

Little Rock, Feb. 1.—Today was one of watchful waiting in the areas of eastern Arkansas threatened by the worst floods in the last 25 years. Residents of Cotton Plant, Conway, Watson, Lewisville, Pine Bluff, Dumas, Lake Village and Arkansas City were casting anxious eyes at the levees about their cities in the hope they would withstand the tremendous volume of water against them.

A sudden drop of the temperature to below freezing lent further distress last night and today to the sufferers in sections inundated. Clearing skies with a high pressure area extending over all the state indicated a temporary cessation at least of the down-pours that have been steady for almost a week. Every large city adjacent to the flood area is filling with refugees from the smaller and less well protected points.

In the wake of the Arkansas flood today came cries of distress from scores of families in the vicinity of Fort Smith. A committee of business men of the city was appointed by Mayor Reid to devise plans of relief. Clothing, food and medical attention are needed by many who have sought refuge in the larger towns.

Convicts Removed.

The Arkansas river, meeting the Mississippi high water, has backed up sixty miles from the mouth and at 11 o'clock last night broke the levees at the state convict farm at Cummins, 22 miles from here. Varner, Dumas, Douglas and Lake Village will be (Continued on Page Six.)

BIG FIRE IN K. C.

Western Union Building in Flames This P. M.

Operators Forced to Flee by Fire Escapes.

Kansas City, Feb. 1.—Fire broke out at 1:40 o'clock this afternoon in the Western Union Telegraph company's three-story building at Seventh and Main streets. Many operators were forced to leave the working rooms on the second and third floors by fire escapes. It was thought at 2 o'clock that all had escaped.

Lives of 208 employees at work in the operating room were endangered. Fifty were carried down fire escapes to safety. At 2:10 o'clock the blaze was under control and all employees had been safely accounted for. The building was not seriously damaged. Fifty employees were women.

WESTWARD HO!

President Takes Morning Off on Strenuous Trip.

At Des Moines Tonight—Then On to Kansas.

Davenport, Ia., Feb. 1.—President Wilson's special arrived here at 2:30 this afternoon and was welcomed by 18,000 persons. A battery of state troops fired a presidential salute. The president made no addresses at Illinois tonight, but merely stopping long enough to greet those gathered at the stations.

He made his first rear platform talk here.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—The fourth day of President Wilson's tour of the middle west today carried him west of the Mississippi river through Iowa, where his program called for the principal address at Des Moines at 8 p. m. Four brief talks from the rear platform of his car at Davenport, Ia., Iowa City, Grinnell and Newton, Ia., are on the program for the afternoon.

Before the president's special left Chicago today the members of his party expressed their pleasure at the hearty welcome accorded him here. They said the local response to his plea for support in preparing for an adequate national defense had fully met their expectations. The great young men of Illinois and the throng that stopped to hear him—most of them unsuccessfully because of the limited capacity of the auditorium—were interpreted from him as favorable expressions of Chicago's approval of his policy.

Yesterday's somewhat strenuous schedule (Continued on Page Six.)

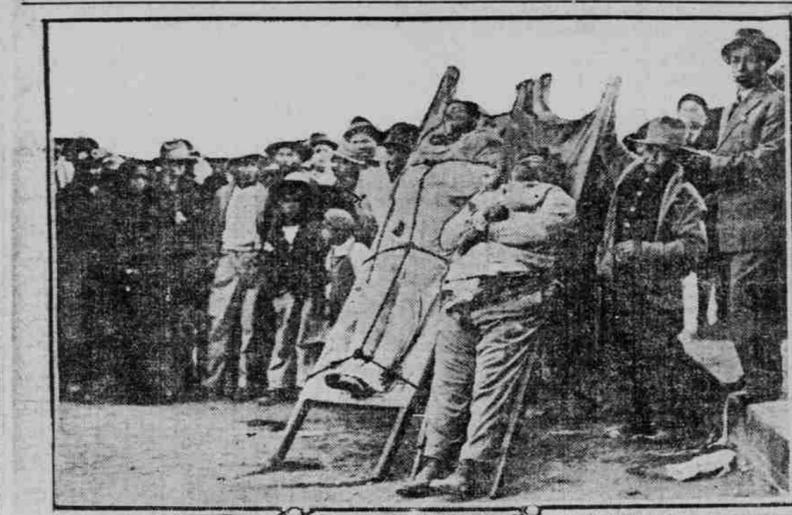
MONGOLIAN REBELS CROSS "GREAT WALL"

London, Feb. 1.—The Mongolian insurgents have crossed the Great Wall of China and an advance guard of 2,000 is besieging the city of Da Tum Pa, according to a dispatch from Mukden forwarded by Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd.

Texas Has 15,755 Miles Railroad.

Austin, Feb. 1.—Total railroad mileage in Texas is 15,755 and the average value is \$26,304 per mile, according to a dispatch from a commission report made public today.

ON PUBLIC VIEW: BODIES OF VILLA LEADERS WHO SLEW U. S. MEN



Bodies of Mexicans who killed Americans on public exhibition at Juarez, Mexico.

Mexican justice is short and swift. Almost before the bodies of their seventeen American victims had grown cold, the Villa leaders who were chiefly responsible for the cold-blooded murder in Santa Ysabel, Mexico, had been captured and their bodies placed on exhibition in the public square. The photo shows the "finish" of General Rodriguez and Colonel Valles, prominent Villa leaders implicated in the wholesale murder.

SHOWS A BIG GAIN

Growth in State Receipts and Disbursements for January.

Nearly a Million Greater Than in Any Previous Month.

NEW RECORD IS ESTABLISHED

If Last Month's Showing Be Maintained All Year

It Will Make an Increase of About \$12,000,000.

Continuation of the January record of receipts and disbursements in the state treasurer's office, means an increase of nearly 12 million dollars in the state's business this year, according to a report today by Wiley Cook, assistant state treasurer. Receipts and disbursements in the state treasurer's office for January showed an increase of \$2,195,474 over the corresponding month last year.

The January showing was a new financial record for the state. In one month the state received and disbursed a total of \$3,157,764.56, as against a record of \$2,206,569.07 in January, 1915.

Receipts for January this year were \$1,829,159.23, as against \$1,328,608.33 in the same period last year. Disbursements by the state increased from \$923,341.53 in January, 1915, to \$1,276,724.24 in January this year. It was by far the largest month's business in the history of the state.

Record Never Equaled.

"The state has never equaled the record established in the month just ended," said Cook. "It was an increase of nearly a million dollars over the corresponding month of 1915 and indicates the rapid growth of the state's financial business. Records of former months show nothing to equal the record for receipts and disbursements in January."

Some of the January financial transactions of larger state departments included: General revenue fund; receipts, \$196,871.28; disbursements, \$402,809.80; permanent school fund, receipts, \$453,959.65; disbursements, \$101,060.90; annual school fund, receipts, \$174,984.64; disbursements, none; state university permanent fund, receipts, \$10,409; disbursements, \$3,200; sinking fund, receipts, \$29,864.77; disbursements, \$159,000; fiscal agent, receipts, \$678,730.04; disbursements, \$259,648.07; agricultural college fees, receipts, \$12,266.92; disbursements, \$10,158.31; grain inspection department, receipts, \$14,339.61; disbursements, \$5,851.96.

DR. WOOD HAS LANDED

Former City Physician Employed by State Board of Health.

Dr. H. B. Wood, former city physician, who was suspended by Commissioner of Health, has been employed for special work by the state board of health. Dr. Wood was suspended pending the taking of an examination for a license to practice medicine in Kansas. He has not stated whether or not he will take the examination which will be held the second week of this month.

Dr. S. J. Crumrine, secretary of the state board of health, was instrumental in bringing Dr. Wood to Topeka as city physician and the latter kept in close touch with the state board during his service as city physician. It was stated at the board of health today that Dr. Wood's work is along a special line and is purely clerical.

FORCE CLOCKS TO GO ON STRIKE IN LONDON

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London, Feb. 1.—By direction of the naval and military authorities the police today ordered discontinuance of chiming and the striking of hours by public clocks between sunset and sunrise, as a precautionary measure.

FAIR AND WARMER

Indications Are That Groundhog Will See His Shadow.

Winter Temperatures Probably Will Linger Some Days.

Conditions over the state are slightly improved with the coming of fair weather. The entire state is still covered with ice and snow, although no precipitation has been reported in the past thirty-six hours. Railroad, wire and street car service is better and the good weather will afford an opportunity to repair broken wires and fallen poles. Zero temperatures prevailed over most of Kansas this morning. Many calls for aid were received by charitable associations during the past week and numerous needy families were supplied with food and clothing.

Stock raisers are prepared as a result of the previous cold snaps, and suffering among livestock was practically eliminated.

Forecast for the day only a day off the sky has cleared and the sun is shining bright. This morning dawned cold, calm and clear, the temperature standing at 2 degrees below zero. Only a slight wind blowing from the northwest. This is the first fair day of the week. Prospects are good for a period of fair weather in the state at least for the first few days of the second month. It was expected this morning that the mercury would go near 20 degrees today. The snow on the ground will not melt.

The forecast calls for fair weather tonight and probably Wednesday with slowly rising temperature. The wind is expected to shift toward the south tonight. "Winter weather will continue for some time to come," said S. D. Florn, weather observer, this morning, "but it will be much more agreeable than the past few days."

The mercury was expected to mount more rapidly than yesterday. The high reading yesterday was 12 degrees.

The mercury will be down to about 5 degrees above zero tonight according to the prediction. The shipper's forecast indicates zero temperatures for 24-hour shipments north and west. Eastern and southern consignments should be protected against temperatures of 5 to 10 degrees above.

The mercury dropped to 3 degrees below zero on this date in 1905, the highest on record was 63 degrees in 1911. The Kaw river maintains a stage of 6.3 feet, only a slight fall since Monday morning. The stream is free of ice.

Temperatures today averaged 22 degrees below zero. The wind remained in the northwest all day keeping the mercury low. Following are hourly temperature readings for today:

7 o'clock ... 11 11 o'clock ... 8
8 o'clock ... 12 12 o'clock ... 10
9 o'clock ... 11 1 o'clock ... 11
10 o'clock ... 5 2 o'clock ... 11
(*—Below zero.)

WILL NOT MARCH

Members of Farmers' Union Refuse to Join Parade.

In Honor of the President's Visit to Topeka.

OPPOSED TO PREPAREDNESS

Will Not Give It Aid or Comfort, They Say.

Convention of the Organization Will Open Tomorrow.

Fifteen hundred farmers, members of the Farmers' Union meeting here, will not march in the Wilson parade tomorrow morning. Such was an announcement made last evening by M. McAdiffe, president of the Union. W. C. Lansdon, secretary of the Union, substantiated Mr. McAdiffe's statement this morning. Mr. Lansdon explained that the Union is a non-partisan body and in his opinion 85 per cent of its members are against "Preparedness." However, Mr. Lansdon admitted that this action, decided upon at a meeting of the executive council, might be changed at the next minute, when the Union convenes in annual session at the auditorium tomorrow morning.

Absorb Some Facts.

Since his arrival in the city the Salina man has discovered that non-partisan organizations such as the Rotary club, Co-Operative club, Good Government club and similar organizations are planning to parade.

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VICTIMS UNCONSCIOUS

Two Survivors Not Yet Recovered Enough to Tell of Auto Holdup.

Buffalo, Feb. 1.—The hope that Miss Grace J. Teiper, one of the injured victims of Monday's tragedy on the Orchard Park road, would revive to tell of the murder of her mother and brother was dispelled today when surgeons reported that she again had lapsed into a state of unconsciousness. In one of these moments a doctor asked her who struck her and she replied:

There were other mumbled words but whether they gave any clue to the murderer, doctors are unable to say. The condition of John Teiper, the second survivor of the tragedy, who was under guard of a deputy sheriff at his home in Orchard Park last night continued to improve. District Attorney Wesley C. Dudley, reiterated today that Teiper would be brought to Buffalo as a material witness as soon as doctors consented to his removal.

"Feed the Birds" Is Governor's Advice Today

"Feed the birds." That was the appeal sent to Kansas today by Governor Capper, following reports from W. G. Tegmeier, state fish and game warden, to the effect that thousands of birds in Kansas have not been fed and are starving. From the state's plenty, the governor urged the state to care for the falling sparrow and the starving lark.

When the recent cold wave came to Kansas it meant starvation for millions of birds in this state. The two inch coat of ice was a burglar proof barrier against seeds and grains and crumbe for the birds. Then a three inch snow covered the coat of ice. Now the birds are starving.

Warden Tegmeier stated today that the state had arranged to feed hundreds of ducks in the Cheyenne bottoms, the well known hunting marsh of south western Kansas. Appeals will probably be made to club women and humane societies to direct the campaign for the care and feeding of the birds.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 1.—Joseph Erickson, chief engineer of the steamer Eastland, accused the story of his experiences in the Chicago riot tragedy last July at the hearing in federal court today and with his examination the defense will close.

In his testimony yesterday Engineer Erickson said he was certain the Eastland was resting on the bottom when he topped over.

SPOTLIGHT OF A NATION ON THIS CITY TOMORROW

President Wilson Here for Two Speeches to Kansas.

Topeka Will Be Crowded With the Up and Down Staters.

BRIDE A BIG DRAWING CARD