

WEATHER forecast for Kansas: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; rising temperature.

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POSTSCRIPT

## AUSTRIAN MUNITION FACTORIES BLOWN UP

### In Explosion at Pilsen, 195 Workmen Perish.

### Wrecks Plant Turning Out 12-Inch Cannons.

### SHIP VICTIM OF BLACKLIST

### British Admiralty Refuses Fuel to Neutral Vessel.

### Report Montenegrin Generals Assassinated Is Denied.

Milan, Feb. 7.—A Bucharest dispatch to the Secolo says in the explosion at the Skoda armament factory in Bohemia, 195 workmen perished. Three buildings were blown up in which the famous 12-inch hydraulic cannon were made. This was one of Austria-Hungary's largest war supplies factories.

A Rome dispatch dated February 6, says that according to Bucharest correspondent of the Messagero, the great Skoda works at Pilsen had been partly destroyed as one result of an explosion.

St. John's, N. F., Feb. 7.—The British admiralty has refused permission to the Norwegian steamer Ontaneda, now at this port to take an sufficient coal to continue her course from Copenhagen to Baltimore. Information as to why the Ontaneda has been placed on the so-called admiralty "black list" has not been refused by the imperial authorities.

Berlin, Feb. 7.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—Dispatches from Austrian press headquarters characterize as untrue the report recently published that General Boel and Major Lompard, of the Montenegrin army, had been assassinated by patriots in Montenegro, who opposed the capitulation to Austria.

These officers, acting as representatives of the Montenegro government, had signed the agreement for the cessation of hostilities. The Vienna advisers say that General Boel is now in Cetinje and that Major Lompard is on duty in the Montenegrin war office.

French Hero Dies.—General Nicholas Victor Delmotte has been killed in action at the front. He was one of the heroes of the retreat from Charleroi, during which he commanded the rear of the army of the French Seventeenth army corps.

## UNIONS COMBINE?

### Concerted Action to Carry Railroad Men's Demands.

### Miners' President Said to Oppose Proposition.

New York, Feb. 7.—Labor leaders here say that a movement is under way to bring about concerted action of members of the four great unions of railway employees and of the United Mine Workers in their demands for increased wages or shorter working days.

It is stated that if the plan was put into effect it would bring about a combined action by 750,000 men and affect the mining fields of Pennsylvania, Colorado and the south. The movement is said to have been suggested by W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, and that W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Representatives of the railroad unions are said to have been sent to Mobile to confer with the United Mine Workers of America who are gathering there for a conference with the operators tomorrow. It is reported here that John P. White, president of the United Miners, has disapproved the plan.

## HE'S A MAN OF MYSTERY

### Colonel House Moves Again But Mission Has All Guessing.

Paris, Feb. 7.—Col. E. A. House, who has completed his mission here with various governmental officers and diplomatic representatives, will leave for London tomorrow. He met Joseph E. Woodard, American ambassador to Spain, here last evening. Today he took luncheon with Ambassador Sherry. Colonel House declared himself entirely content with his visit to Paris, but avoided any indications of the object of his visit or its results.

## TOWN BURNS--GERMANS FINE LOSERS FOR FIRE

### London, Feb. 7.—A fine of 75,000 marks is said by Reuters' Petrograd correspondent to have been levied on the people of the city of Vilna by the German authorities on the ground the recent great fire there was of incendiary origin. The flames reached the headquarters of the general staff of the German army operating on the front between Vilna and Barysnohich.

## Lowbrows Are Too Numerous In Universities

Stanford University, Cal., Feb. 7.—Stanford campus buzzed today with discussion of speeches made to students last night by Chancellor David Starr Jordan, who said: "There are too many 'lowbrows' in college. A 'lowbrow' is a man who has only a degree removed from a 'rough neck.' The 'lowbrow' was too practical, just as the 'highbrow' was not practical enough. Dr. Jordan's subject was, 'A May' and he told his hearers it was a good thing to learn to be in the minority."

## TEAPOT TEMPEST

### Lusitania Ruction Is All a Delicate Misunderstanding.

### Lansing Says German Diplomat Was Misquoted.

### CONTINUE TO TALK IN RIDDLES

### Don't Believe Zimmerman Mentioned "New Demands."

### Looks Like Today's "Powwowing" Will End A Fair.

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What More "Demands?" Secretary Lansing would not go into details or discuss Dr. Zimmermann's statement further. When Dr. Zimmermann's statement was published in the press, he said that it might be considered applicable not alone to the destruction of neutrals on the Lusitania, but also to the method by which she was sunk. Secretary Lansing repeated he expected to confer with President Wilson today. He made it possible that the method considered the situation unchanged.

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## WEATHER STAYS COOL

### Little Change Is Expected Within the Next 24 Hours.

The coating of ice over the state, acting as a refrigerator, keeps the temperature down, and little change has taken place in the weather situation in the past three days. The mercury has been down to 7 degrees on the last three mornings and the prediction is for more of the same variety of weather tonight and tomorrow. A reading of 7 degrees is expected for the minimum tonight. The forecast is said to be for a steady weather with rising temperature tonight and Tuesday.

The reading of 7 degrees is 11 degrees below normal for this time of year. Mercury was expected to go to about 20 degrees this afternoon. On Sunday afternoon a heavy snow fell, and some of the snow melted. Three inches of snow and ice still covers the ground. The temperature tomorrow is expected to go near the freezing point.

The shippers' forecast calls for temperatures of 5 to 15 degrees for 36 hours, the highest on record. The low record, 14 degrees below zero, was established in 1865. The wind this morning was in the northeast.

Temperatures today averaged 18 degrees below normal. The wind blew at the rate of 6 miles an hour from the east. Following are hourly temperature readings for today:

7 o'clock	8	11 o'clock	10
8 o'clock	7	12 o'clock	11
9 o'clock	6	1 o'clock	12
10 o'clock	5	2 o'clock	13

## Milady's Sign Goodnight Is Now On Hose

### Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 7.—Conversation stockings displayed in the hotel shops and seen at recent balls are the latest in hose.

Some are of hand made lace and cost \$100 a pair. One has a mouse at the skirt line, while its mate says "Watch your step." Another says "Delighted," while its companion shows a clock face with the hands at 12 and the words, "Good night."

## ASKS 5 MILLIONS IN PENSIONS FOR AGED MINISTERS

### Bishop Millspaugh Outlines Plan to Governor.

### Nation-Wide Campaign for Deceit Preachers.

### UNDERPAID FOR THEIR SERVICE

### Episcopal Head Believes Men Need Real Assistance.

### Seven Hundred Receive Less Than One Thousand a Year.

In a letter to Governor Capper today, Bishop Frank Millspaugh of Topeka, outlined a plan for a five million dollar pension fund for aged and decrepit Episcopal ministers. The campaign, Bishop Millspaugh stated, will be made nation wide and will provide for a pension equal to 50 per cent of the salary of the minister, at the time of his retirement.

Based on the assertion that hundreds of ministers of the gospel are underpaid for their services, the Topekan will help to direct a crusade to raise a five million dollar pension fund for aged and decrepit Episcopal ministers. The assistance of Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts, who will devote much of his time to it.

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## POSTSCRIPT

### HEPBURN IS DEAD

### Prominent Iowan Served 20 Years in Congress—Author of Famous Hephburn Law.

Clarinda, Iowa, Feb. 7.—Col. William H. Hephburn, former member of congress from this district, died here today after a long illness.

Death resulted from kidney and heart trouble. Mr. Hephburn was near 80 years of age. He was a native of Ohio and a few weeks ago was much improved that he thought seriously of returning to Washington to take an extensive law practice which he acquired after leaving congress. About a week ago his condition took a turn for the worse and since that time he lost ground steadily.

Prominent Roosevelt Man.—Col. William H. Hephburn, although twenty years in congress, became best known throughout the country during the Roosevelt administration. It was he who framed what was called the Hephburn law, prohibiting rebates and discrimination by railroads. As chairman of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce in the first session of the Fifty-ninth congress he was the author of three acts out of five, which removed to Iowa City where his mother and his stepfather took up their residence on a farm when he was 8 years old.

Mr. Hephburn also was an efficient holder of a law of high reputation. He was a product of the early pioneer days in Iowa and got what Hephburn, which is the name of the town of Topeka this morning. The suit was that of R. D. Johnson, owner of the North Star garage in North Topeka, against Dr. Zimmerman, pastor of the Central Avenue Christian church. Johnson was suing to collect on a repair bill.

Zimmermann protested the repair bill on grounds that he had his R. C. H. automobile repaired once by Johnson, and immediately after he took it out of the garage the same ailment as before set it back to the hospital. Following this morning Judge Hugh Fisher entered judgment for the plaintiff for \$38.25. Robert Garver represented Johnson.

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## HOLDS IMMORAL HOUSE NOT PUBLIC NUISANCE

### Injunction, Weapon of Kansas City Anti-Vice Crusaders, Held Void by Court.

Kansas City, Feb. 7.—The injunction, the weapon of the Kansas City suppression of Commercialized Vice has been used in its fight against immorality in Kansas City, was dealt a blow by a decision of the Kansas City court of appeals today. The court held an immoral house was not a public nuisance and an injunction could not be issued against one, because a court of equity had no jurisdiction in such a case. In its opinion, the court maintained a resort was a crime and an injunction could be issued against the criminal court.

In the fight waged against vice in Kansas City during the last two years the injunction has been used to close many places and to its effectiveness has been attributed the successful fight made to abolish segregated districts in this city.

## REJECTED SUITOR BURNS RIVAL'S HOUSE

### "He Won Her and I Swore to Get Even," He Writes on Death Bed.

Decatur, Feb. 7.—C. W. Devore, fire department chief, today received a letter from David C. Guffey of Detroit, Mich., confessing that he was responsible for an incendiary fire which destroyed part of the home of C. W. Alexander, a Decatur high school teacher in November, 1914.

"When we were young men we loved the same girl," Guffey wrote.

## Stork Prize To Uncle Bob, 96, Papa To No. 24

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 7.—At the age of 96 "Uncle Bob" Bates of Whitesburg, Fletcher county, Ky., the father of three families, has a new member of the household, a boy whom he has named Woodrow, in honor of President Wilson. The youngster arrived last week.

"Uncle Bob" has been married three times and has nine children as a result of his first union, eight by his second wife and seven by his third and present wife. The patriarch is very athletic. Recently he made a trip of 200 miles in two days on horseback.

## DEBATE BIG GUNS

### Demand U. S. Must Have 17 In. Ones for Warships.

### Twenty-Two New Dreadnaughts in Two Years.

### CLARK OPENS NAVAL DEBATE

### Democrats and Republicans Agree on Program.

### Vote Half Million to Equip Yard for Building.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The naval academy increase bill was passed by a vote of 173 to 0. Representative Mann called for a division to put the preparedness opponents on record, but none of those who had spoken against the measure responded in the negative.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The house today authorized immediate use of \$500,000 to equip Mare Island yard to begin building a dreadnought or battle cruiser, the first to be constructed on the Pacific coast in a government yard, and authorized expenditure of \$100,000 to enlarge facilities at the yard for the navy. The senate has not yet acted.

Washington, Feb. 7.—In the first real naval debate of the session in the house today Speaker Clark took the floor and to enthusiastic applause declared that if 17-inch guns were being placed on our ships, the United States should have them as well, or the best guns attainable now or hereafter.

"Build Them Quicker," said Representative Butler, Republican of the navy committee, "that if we want things like the navy we have to pay the price demanded."

"That is true," replied the speaker, "but surely we cannot build battleships as quickly as England can." "We can," Mr. Butler replied. "We never have done so," replied the speaker.

"If we will begin to build and take (Continued from Page Two.)"

## PLEADS OWN CASE

### Topeka Preacher Handles Lawsuit in District Court.

### Then Judge Rendered Decision Against J. D. Zimmerman.

The unique spectacle of an ordained minister acting as his own attorney in a lawsuit was witnessed in the court of Topeka this morning. The suit was that of R. D. Johnson, owner of the North Star garage in North Topeka, against Dr. Zimmerman, pastor of the Central Avenue Christian church. Johnson was suing to collect on a repair bill.

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## 3 KILLED IN LATEST DUPONT EXPLOSION

### 'Seventh Blast in Famous Powder Works Spreads Death and \$10,000 Damage.

Tacoma, Feb. 7.—Three men were killed in an accidental explosion at the powderworks at Du Pont, near here today. One thousand pounds of dynamite at the gelatin dynamite mixer house exploded. Property valued at more than \$10,000 was destroyed.

Anderson Goes Up.—Dallas, Feb. 7.—H. F. Anderson, until recently general superintendent of M. K. & T. road of Texas, has been appointed general manager of the line according to an announcement today by W. A. Webb, chief operating officer.

## WASHBURN IS 51 YEARS OLD NOW; PLAN OF FUTURE

### Annual Celebration of Topeka's Institution Today.

### Most Successful Year in History Has Just Passed.

### MOST VALUABLE ASSET

### College Spends \$250,000 Here Annually—W. W. Webb.

### Stunt Dinner in Gymnasium Tonight—Noon Luncheon.

That Washburn college students spend a quarter of a million dollars a year in Topeka, and that the institution is the most valuable asset Topeka has next to the Santa Fe, were the assertions made this morning by W. W. Webb, president of the Commercial club, at the celebration of the fifty-first anniversary of the founding of the college in MacVicar chapel before a large assemblage of students, alumni, faculty members and trustees who spent the entire day today celebrating the birthday of the famous school.

At 10 o'clock this morning, all classes were dismissed so that the occasion might be fittingly observed by all who are connected with the institution, and the first of a full day's program was held in chapel when six prominent speakers devoted an hour and a half to talks on "The Best Things I Can Say About Washburn." Dean McEachron presided over the meeting, and the college glee club furnished the musical end of the program.

Washburn's Inheritances.—Prof. S. G. Hefelbower's talk seemed to produce the greatest effect among his hearers. "The greatest things Washburn possesses," the professor said, "are her inheritances and her precious opportunities." Among the inheritances, he mentioned the fine campus and buildings, the strong ideals that have been handed down since the founding of the school, and the spirit of "Washburn."

Prof. Hefelbower also struck a popular chord when he made the assertion that Washburn is never to be carried on to greater and nobler things by the indomitable enthusiasm that has already given the institution a high rank among the leading educational institutions of the country.

Dr. C. M. Sheldon, another of the speakers, declared Washburn to be the ideal institution that brings to the students a knowledge of the world's things and teaches them to take this knowledge into the world and put it to good account.

Respect She Commands.—Roy Painter asserted that Washburn's future is assured because of the respect she commands among the state colleges throughout the country. He said that the high character of her alumni, the Rev. W. L. Goldsmith based his talk upon love for the institution, and the high character of her alumni, the Rev. W. L. Goldsmith based his talk upon love for the institution, and the high character of her alumni, the Rev. W. L. Goldsmith based his talk upon love for the institution.

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## A FLOOD BATTLE

### Army of 2,500 Fighting to Save River Levee.

### Mississippi River Still Rising—Record Stage Predicted.

Little Rock, Feb. 7.—The slowness with which the Mississippi river is rising today may be the salvation of Arkansas City and Lake Village, as well as smaller towns and settlements between the two important eastern Arkansas municipalities. The Mississippi river is slowly climbing and is expected to reach a record stage at Arkansas City, standing 55.8 feet.

Men who poured into Lake Village and other points when overflow waters from the swollen Arkansas rushed down from breaks in levees at Cummins and Eminence, found refuge only on top of Mississippi levee, where they were put to work. The women and children are being cared for as well as possible. Twenty-five hundred men are heightening and strengthening the levee in front of Lake Village, while at other places the levee tops are being raised by four feet.

Both Arkansas City and Lake Village feel confident they will be able to cope with the most critical flood test ever put to them.

## "KING WITHOUT A COUNTRY" WANDERS OVER MOUNTAINS IN LONG RETREAT



King Peter crossing mountain path in Albania during retreat.

Peter of Serbia, a king without a country, is seen here, with an aide-camp at his right hand, traversing on foot a snow-covered mountain path in Albania. He finally reached Avlona, in Albania, and from there was taken to Saloniki in a French destroyer. He is now in a French health resort.

## FELL DEAD ON ICE A BELATED PRIZE

### A. J. Trapp of Valley Falls Dies in Topeka Today.

### Sank Lifeless to Pavement on Kansas Avenue.

A. J. Trapp, an elderly man from Valley Falls, Kan., fell on the ice covered pavement at Ninth and Kansas avenue with a stroke of apoplexy at 19:45 o'clock this morning and died a few minutes later in the Tully-MacFarland pharmacy.

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## NEW VILLA RAID

### Bandit General Terrorizes Mine Camp of Americans.

### Ransacks Town, Renews Threat to Kill All Gringos.

El Paso, Feb. 7.—Francisco Villa, the ex-Mexican leader, terrorized the mining camp of Laguna, Chihuahua, on Monday last, and threatened to "kill all Gringos he caught," according to Mexican passengers who arrived here early today on the first train from El Paso. Villa appeared at the Pelagosa mine at Laguna, coming from Canon de El Nido nearby, and ransacked the town, leaving only a small supply of corn.

Upon leaving they saw Villa made the threat against the Americans on Wednesday. It was said, Villa appeared and told the laborers to get out of the town, and to leave the mine owned by Americans to be operated. The Pelagosa mine is owned by an Englishman and an American, now in Chihuahua City.

Mr. Shiner will assume his new duties in Topeka February 15.

## WE MUST WIPE GERMANS FROM MAP--KIPLING

### "Allah Has Decreed" She Shall Perish as a Nation.

### Her Own Acts Shall Bring Destruction, Says Bard.

### NO QUARTER SHOWN TEUTONS

### Universal Ruin Awaits All as Result of War.

### England May Repudiate Large Part of Her Big Debt.

### BY RIDYARD KIPLING.

Paris, Feb. 7.—We are passing through dark, dark days, which are not good for the soul. I have known some black moments and doubtless shall know worse. The German is exploiting all the psychological factors he is capable of understanding and his press just now is engaged in confirming the world in the idea of a motionless and unchangeable Michael straddled across Europe and disdained of his little enemies.

But the idea is beginning to penetrate the Teuton's head that this is not a war of victories, but a war of extermination for his species. We in England are better informed on this point than we were a year ago.

### Battle to Death.

When a whole nation goes into the trenches there can be no victories; there can only be killing, and at least three nations desire greedily that the Teuton be killed in detail since he cannot be killed in wholesale.

The German cannot withdraw from his present lines. He dare not because he would have to explain that action to his own people. He must use himself up gradually either by advancing and winning victories, or by standing without result.

And when he is used up there will be very little of the German problem to settle. That is the end where the destinies are forcing, despite all the efforts we have made to avoid it. The question of indemnity to Germany (Continued on Page 2.)

## SLUMP IN WHEAT

### Down 5 1/2 Cents During Day on Chicago Market.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Stop-loss selling on a heavy scale demoralized the wheat market today and caused the price of the May option to break 4 1/2 cents a bushel. The sharp decline in a long while. The fall carried May down to \$1.23 1/2, as against \$1.28 1/2 at the close on Saturday. Increase in receipts and the absence of an adequate foreign outlet seemed to be responsible for the notable setback in values.

In later transactions the market suffered further losses and May values dropped down another cent to \$1.27 1/2, making the extreme descent 5 1/2 cents as compared with the finish on Saturday. The closing gain amounted without price having shown any important rally.

Big Decline at K. C.—Kansas City, Feb. 7.—Wheat prices today sagged because of the uncertainty of the export demand and the prospect of liberal domestic receipts. May closed on Saturday at \$1.23 1/2, closed today at \$1.18 1/2, while July dropped from \$1.18 1/2 to \$1.14 1/2.

## TO SUCCEED HARRIS

### H. L. Shiner of K. C. To Be U. P. Passenger Agent at Topeka.

H. L. Shiner, assistant city ticket agent in the Kansas City office of the Union Pacific railway, has been appointed passenger agent of the local office to succeed G. H. Harris, who leaves February 15 to become chief clerk in the colonization and industrial bureau of the road with headquarters in Omaha.

Mr. Shiner commenced his railroad career in 1906 under Col. George H. Foote, then secretary of the Kansas City passenger bureau. A year later, Shiner entered the ticket office of the Union Pacific in Kansas City and worked through the various positions until he was appointed city assistant ticket agent, which position he is now holding.

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Names Dakotan U. S. Collector.—Washington, Feb. 7.—President Wilson today nominated Alexander Morrison of Bathgate, N. D., for customs collector for North and South Dakota with headquarters at Pembina, N. D.

## EXPECT GERMANS WITH MORE CAPTURED SHIPS