

WEATHER forecast for Kansas: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; rising temperature Thursday and in the western portion of the state tonight.

POSTSCRIPT

GERMANY OFFER TO RESTORE BELGIUM SPURNED

Papal Nuncio Delivers Peace Proposal to Belgium.

King Albert's Reply a Prompt Refusal of Terms.

WILLING TO PAY INDEMNITY

But Want Antwerp for a German Traffic Center.

Belgians to Win or Lose With British-French Allies.

London, Feb. 9.—Belgium has refused separate terms of peace offered by Germany, according to Rome dispatches today, quoting the Giornale D'Italia as authority for the statement, which is understood to have been obtained through Vatican sources.

The Rome report, coming close on the heels of advice from German sources to the effect that new German peace efforts are under way, aroused the greatest interest here. Though Belgian officials a few weeks ago decided a report that Germany had submitted peace terms, dispatches from the Hague on Saturday carried Belgian reports that the peace negotiations were progressing satisfactorily from the German standpoint.

Since the recent announcement that Sir Douglas Haig had gone to Havre to meet King Albert on a "special mission," no announcement has been made by the joint bureau on the result of his trip.

Vatican's Part Unknown. Rome, Feb. 8.—The Giornale d'Italia states that Monsignor Tacet Porcilli, the papal nuncio to Belgium, presented to Belgium Germany's proposals for a separate peace. Whether or not he was authorized to do so by the Vatican is not known.

SHOOT HER SONS

Then Texas Mother Slays Self With Revolver.

Boys' Ages 11 and 8—Both Alive—One Will Recover.

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Nina Kelly, 28 years of age, shot her two sons, 11 and 8 years of age, that killed herself this morning. One of the boys has no chance to recover, while the other, physicians believe, will get well.

Mrs. Kelly, who has been conducting a boarding house for some time, had her two little boys called into Mrs. Kelly's bedroom, the door was then locked and the mother began to shoot at them with a revolver, as they ran screaming about the room. Neighbors heard the shooting and the Kelly house, but were unable to gain admission. Finally a woman neighbor battered in a side door and found the mother dying and the two children unconscious.

Previously Mrs. Kelly had called out of her neighbors in to cook breakfast for her two boys, saying she was too ill to get up.

CROSBY HEIRS SUE

Set Up Claim of \$1,080 Rent Due From the Palace.

H. A. Auerbach and H. A. Guetzel, owners of the Palace clothing store, were today made defendants in a suit for alleged rentals due on the building at No. 223 or 713 Kansas avenue, which was filed by Flora M. Crosby and Warren M. Crosby and Thomas M. Crosby through Flora M. Crosby, as guardian. The amount of alleged rentals due is placed at \$1,080. The suit is filed through Hamilton & Harrison, the Crosby attorneys.

For cause of action the petition alleges that June 15, 1910 Flora Crosby leased the building to Loring T. Price for \$225 a month. Price, it is claimed, transferred his lease to Auerbach & Guetzel in the following July. The lease expires, the petition states in 1917.

The Crosbys claim that the defendants paid the rents on the building until May, 1915 and following that time no money was paid. The Crosbys claim that they offered to terminate the lease at that time but Auerbach refused to surrender his rights.

FINDS HIM GUILTY, THEN JURY PAYS FINE, COSTS

Shelbyville, Ind., Feb. 9.—Charles Stafford, who whipped a man who caused Mrs. Stafford to leave him, was found guilty by a jury and fined \$100. The jury also paid the fine, contributed its services and paid the court costs.

It Has Been A Hard Year On Princes, Mates

London, Feb. 9.—Newspaper records in London show that war mortality among German princes is assuming alarming proportions. Prince Maximilian of Hesse, the Kaiser's nephew, is the eleventh and latest member of the German royal families to be killed. The others killed since the war began are: Prince Frederick Wilhelm of Lippe, Ernest of Lippe, Henry XLVI of Reuss, Frederick of Saxe-Miningen and his son, Ernest, Victor Walrus of Waldeck, William of Frueges, Frederick of Rechteren-Limbouurg, Charles of Solme-Braunfels and William of Carolath-Beuthen.

CORPS OF MOTORS

Kansas Auto Owners Into Military Service.

Plan Advocated by Charles I. Martin, Adjutant General.

SUBJECT TO CALL OF NATION

Pistol Practices and Drills With Regular State Troops.

Organization To Be Known as "Automobile Reserve Corps."

Kansas automobile owners may be organized into a military reserve corps, under a plan advocated today by Charles I. Martin, adjutant general. The proposition was submitted in a letter directed to Governor Capper and may mean that 80,000 automobile and motorcycle owners may become an adjunct of the reserve corps of the state militia.

Plans for pistol practices and drills by owners and drivers would probably be worked out and motor car owners might be assembled at the same time. Kansas drivers are called into service for the summer encampments. The organization would be known as the Automobile Reserve Corps and in time of need members of the organization would be subject to call or direction by the military authorities of the state or nation. This might be of great advantage to the state and nation in time of need. It should be encouraged," said Governor Martin in his letter to Governor Capper.

Practise tours are also proposed by the owner who originated the plan and every owner of an automobile, motorcycle or motor truck would be eligible to membership in the reserve corps. The matter will be discussed in detail when Governor Capper returns from Wichita.

CAPTURE A RAIDER

British Cruiser Seized Appam Captor Off Bermudas.

Running Fight for Three Hours—750 Germans Taken.

New York, Feb. 9.—Admiral Beatty today asserted that the German warship Roon, alleged to be the captor of the Appam, had been captured by the British armored cruiser Drake after a three-hour fight 200 miles east-northeast of Bermuda.

The capture of the Roon is said to have been followed by the seizure of two merchantmen flying the German flag, one of which was armed. The story is contained in a message which reads:

"Drake here today towing Roon. Took her 200 knots east-northeast Bermuda, three hours running. Light. Lost Danforth eighteen men. Her losses about one-third. Struck as we came aboard. Two merchantmen with her, one armed. Took both. Brought her on sight. Roon said: 'Please God, today I will average 20 knots. Roon badly knocked about by 32 guns. Thirty-two officers and 719 men taken in three prizes.'"

The message mentioned in the message is supposed to be Captain Segrave's. The message passed the house Monday, and now goes to President Wilson for his approval.

SENATE PASSES NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL

Washington, Feb. 9.—The senate today passed the resolution making \$100,000 available for re-equipping the fleet.

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Promised to Marry; Received \$1,700. Milwaukee, Feb. 9.—Frank Duquay, alias Fred W. Miller, who has been arrested 12 times, pleaded guilty in court today to having obtained \$1,700 from Mrs. Carrie Turfitt, under promise of marriage, and was sentenced to 10 years in state prison.

To Adopt Frisco Protest. Little Rock, Feb. 9.—The Arkansas railroad commission will adopt the bill prepared by Oklahoma in protesting the reorganization of the Frisco railroad, according to an announcement by T. E. Wood, chairman, today. Richard Rice will represent the commission at Jefferson City. Wood, Rice and H. M. Gregory, the latter a rate expert, will attend on behalf of the Arkansas commission.

Dividend Declared. New York, Feb. 9.—The New York, Chicago & St. Louis railroad, controlled by the New York Central Railroad company, today declared a dividend of 5 per cent on its first preferred stock. This is the first dividend since March, 1911, when a dividend of 2 1/2 per cent was declared.

BRANDEIS WAS DOUBLEGROSSER SAYS WITNESS

Sensational Charges Hurlled in Senate Investigation.

Wilson's New Supreme Court Appointee Under Fire.

ATTORNEY BETRAYED SHIPPERS

Iowa R. R. Commissioner Reviews Brandeis's Record.

"Guilty of Breach of Faith, Unprofessional Conduct."

Washington, Feb. 9.—"I charge Louis D. Brandeis is guilty of breach of faith," declared Clifford Thorne, Iowa railway commissioner, first witness before the senate sub-committee today in the investigation into the fitness of Brandeis for the United States supreme court. The president's nominee, Thorne declared, betrayed a trust in "one of the greatest and most important cases ever tried in this country," the "five per cent rate case."

Thorne, chairman of the Iowa board of railroad commissioners, was associated with Mr. Brandeis in the fight against giving the eastern railroads increased rates. Mr. Thorne assailed the conduct of Mr. Brandeis in that case.

"I believe the nominee before this committee was guilty of infidelity, of breach of faith and of unprofessional conduct in connection with one of the greatest cases of this generation," said he.

Thorne charged that Brandeis, as an attorney appearing for the shippers, conceded that the rate return to the railroads was inadequate and that Brandeis in his opinion oral argument

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HUGHES TO TURN DOWN BIG CHAIR?

Opposed to Use of Name in Connection With Republican Nomination.

Puts Fact Up to Virginia Committeeman in Tense Telegram.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Representative Sleep, chairman of the Virginia republican committee, today made public a letter from Justice Hughes declaring:

"I am totally opposed to the use of my name in connection with the publication nomination and to the selection or instruction of any delegates in my interest directly or remotely."

Justice Hughes' letter, made public by the Virginia committee, was in reply to a letter from Mr. Sleep which informed the justice that Frank H. Hitchcock, republican general, and President Taft, had inaugurated a movement in the south favoring the justice for the Republican presidential nomination.

SIGN FIGHT CONTRACT

Jess Willard and Frank Moran Meet March 8.

New York, Feb. 9.—Final articles were signed here this afternoon for the 10 round no decision boxing bout between Jess Willard, world's heavyweight champion, and Frank Moran, challenger of the title, at Madison Square Garden in this city on the night of March 8. The match will be fought under the rules and regulations of the New York state boxing commission. The selection of the referee was not made today.

Willard will receive \$40,000 under the signed contracts and a bonus of \$7,500 and 51 per cent of the moving picture receipts. Moran's share will be \$29,000, a bonus of \$2,500 and 30 per cent of movie receipts. Separate contracts were signed, the first by the promoters, Tex Rickard and Sam McCracken, with Willard and his manager, Tom Jones, and the second between the promoters and Moran and his manager, Ike Dorgan.

Jones, on behalf of Willard, posted \$5,000 cash as a forfeit for Willard's appearance and a check for \$2,500 was posted on Moran's behalf. Rickard filed a \$10,000 check and McCracken \$5,000 as guarantee money. This total of \$22,500 was turned over to the stake holder.

LAST MINUTE NEWS

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Get Leap Year Bargain, Judge Wed 'Em Free

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 9.—In Cupid's ledger today is recorded the first Kentucky leap year proposal for 1918. It is by Mrs. Narvus, 40, Cincinnati and Victor Schadd, specialist, Oakland, Cal. She told county officials she proposed, "count the leap year."

Judge F. A. Bullock had offered to perform the marriage ceremony without charge if the bride proposed, "count the leap year." Judge F. A. Bullock had offered to perform the marriage ceremony without charge if the bride proposed, "count the leap year." Judge F. A. Bullock had offered to perform the marriage ceremony without charge if the bride proposed, "count the leap year."

AS IT REALLY WAS

"True Story" of Suffragist Incident on Wilson Day.

It Is Told in Detail by "One Who Was There."

PRESIDENT CHOSE LOCATION

Told Governor He Wanted to Avoid Any Confusion.

Now Who's Next in Coast-to-Coast Argument?

Expert testimony from "one who was there" is to the effect that neither of the published versions of the suffrage incident at the residence of Governor Arthur Capper, Wilson day, is correct. This, the third version, reveals President Wilson, who has precipitated the hottest row Topeka club women and suffrage leaders have known in years. Surely, Miss Vernon declares, the Topeka woman physician does not understand or appreciate the motives and work of the Congressional union. Yet personalities—never. Miss Vernon waves them aside. She is looking for votes for women—not a row among women.

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BACK THE KAISER

Berlin is Marking Time Awaiting Washington Report.

Financiers Approve Germany's Stand in Lusitania Case.

BY CARL W. ACKERMAN. Berlin, Feb. 9.—Leading German bankers and financiers, with large interests in America likely to be affected by a break between the two countries, are standing firmly behind the foreign office in their refusal to disavow the sinking of the Lusitania.

This much was learned today upon adjournment of the conference of big financial men and corporations here today. Practically no voice was raised against the attitude of the German government, it was stated. Leading bankers expressed the hope that there would be no severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany, but agreed that the government could not admit the sinking of the Lusitania an illegal act.

Stock Market Optimistic. The latest reports from America, indicating that a crisis may already have passed, were reflected on the stock market where all issues involved by the German-American controversy are strong buyers today. These reports, however, lack official confirmation. Berlin financiers are inclined to be optimistic. They are awaiting the first public statement from Washington.

An American business man in Germany with no authoritative news from Washington, are appealing to Ambassador Gorka to tell them what is going on in Washington. German cities are asking the embassy to advise them whether they should prepare to leave Germany. The embassy is not attempting to advise any of these inquirers.

DEAD COVERED FIELD

Serbs Tell How, Retreating, They Massacred Pursuers in Night Attack.

Corfu, Feb. 9.—A Serbian official statement issued here today says on February 2, during the retreat southward from Alessio of the Serbian troops, a night attack was delivered on the pursuing Austro-Hungarian forces who were aided by armed Albanian bands and that the latter were taken to flight after many had been killed among a hundred prisoners were taken, mostly Hungarians. The statement follows:

The Austrian troops after occupying Alessio which was evacuated, continued their advance on Durazzo. The fourteenth mountain brigade on February 1, with the co-operation of a number of hundred Albanian bands, came into contact with some troops of the rear guard of one of our divisions. Violent and bloody fighting occurred on February 2 near the village of Blaama. The enemy succeeded in pressing our troops but when reinforcements had come up a night attack was delivered and our forces retook all the positions they had just lost and put the enemy to flight. The battle field was covered with bodies of the enemy who took about 100 prisoners, mostly Hungarians.

SPOTS IN MOON MEAN TROUBLE, KANSAS 'SUFFS'

Dr. Eva Harding Stirs Up a Regular Hornet's Nest.

Miss Vernon Says It Wouldn't Happen "Back Home."

BATTLE FRONT OF WOMEN

Monroe Faction Is Receiving a Call to Arm at Once.

Kansas Row Is Shaking Sentiment All Over Country.

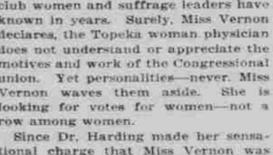
"If I were in my home town where people know me best, Dr. Harding wouldn't dare say such things about me."

That was the answer which Miss Mabel Vernon today made to the attack by Dr. Eva Harding, who has precipitated the hottest row Topeka club women and suffrage leaders have known in years. Surely, Miss Vernon declares, the Topeka woman physician does not understand or appreciate the motives and work of the Congressional union. Yet personalities—never. Miss Vernon waves them aside. She is looking for votes for women—not a row among women.

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SWEDEN DRIFTING TOWARD WAR WITH ENGLAND; BLOCKADE CAUSES FRICTION



Map of Sweden, showing her shrinking territory and her difficulty of invading Russia across Finland.

Great Britain's firm resolve to extend her blockade of Germany and Austria in such a fashion as to prevent any contraband from reaching them either directly or indirectly bids fair, according to present appearances, to bring Sweden into the war on the side of the central powers before many weeks are past.

HOUSE WARNS PRESIDENT OF GERMAN DEFI

Special Envoy's Code Message Hastened Settlement.

Last Word in Lusitania Case Wired to Berlin.

UNDERSTANDING IS REACHED

German Minority Favors Unrestrained U-Boat Warfare.

Advises U. S. That Further Disagreement Means War.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Berlin today will receive by cable America's provisional acceptance of Germany's "last word" on the Lusitania question. America's acceptance will be made complete when the German foreign office substitutes the formal note for the informal memorandum presented by Ambassador Bernstorff last week.

The informal memorandum, which President Wilson yesterday agreed would be acceptable when made into a formal note, is held to concede practically every demand made by the United States. It is reported in effect as a real disclosure of the sinking of the vessel. And what the president considers of even greater importance, it forms a diplomatic precedent and basis for international law regarding submarine warfare.

A 9-Months' Controversy. It became known today that the immediate cause of the satisfactory termination of the Lusitania controversy that has lasted exactly nine months to a day, was a long cable message from Colonel E. M. House, the American ambassador in Berlin. While the contents of Colonel House's communication may never be (Continued on Page 2)

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