

NOTHING is more difficult than to learn to say "no."

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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Fair tonight and probably Thursday; continued warm.

## SLAUGHTER APPALLING AT VERDUN

German Attacks Attain Unprecedented Violence.

Troops Hurled Recklessly Into Jaws of Death.

FAIL TO RECAPTURE FORT

Teuton Sacrifice Hopeless, Declares Paris Report.

Column After Column Dashes Up To Be Swept Away.

Paris, May 24.—The battle around Verdun continues to rage with a violence unparalleled even in this region. The Germans are striving with every resource to capture Hill Number 204 and Dead Man hill on the left bank of the Meuse and to win back the famous Fort Douaumont on the right bank which was wrested from them by General Nivelle's brilliantly planned and executed offensive. Without full possession of the line from Pepper Hill to Vanuxem the Germans cannot hope to get any nearer to the capture of Verdun. Even if they succeeded in taking this line they could not hold it unless they were also in possession of Hill No. 304 and Dead Man Hill which outflank the line.

Driven to desperation by the German command has hurled attack after attack against Fort Douaumont. At the same time it has kept up its onslaught on the left bank of the river to prevent the French transferring any forces to the main scene of attack.

Tide Ebbs and Flows. All day yesterday a flood of war ebbs and flows, inches of ground being won and lost at an appalling cost in men. Again after reducing trenches to a crumbling heap of ruins (Continued on Page Two)

## 4 OUT OF 636

This Is Jury Score at Orpet Murder Trial.

Sixth Verdict Today Is Mostly City Residents.

Waukegan, May 24.—The sixth venire summoned for examination as jurors in the case of Will Orpet, charged with the murder of Marian Lambert, appeared in court today. Most of the 636 men examined so far have been residents of rural communities and practically all have secured release from jury duty by professing a fixed opinion or by failure to pass a so-called educational test. The new venire was drawn from residents of the city. Bankers, merchants, professional men and other more or less prominent persons were in the new venire. Four men already have been sworn for jury duty and the prosecution today probably will tender to the defense four more already tentatively accepted.

State's Attorney Ralph Dady denied he had the bottle which contained the poison which killed Marian Lambert.

## AWARD TO UNBORN BABE

Compensation to Mother and Child for Death of Father.

Philadelphia, May 24.—Compensation for a child yet unborn to become effective at birth and continue until the child is 16 years old is awarded by Referee W. W. Champion of Williamsport, in a decision made public by the workman's compensation board here today. Robert C. Keheres, father of the unborn child, was killed January 18 on the dock of the Williamsport Coal company.

After a hearing of the case Referee Champion awarded the widow, Mrs. Helen Keheres, \$1.20 a week from January 18 to the date when the child is born, or 40 per cent of Keheres's wages which were \$18 a week. From the birth of the child and until three hundred weeks afterward the widow and child are to receive \$3.41 weekly. At the end of the three hundredth week the child itself is to receive \$2.50 a week until it becomes 16 years old. The referee took the position that the child is legally in being and entitled to consideration the same as a born child.

## PRESIDENT TAKES WHITE HOUSE CAKE TO N. Y. WEDDING

Washington, May 24.—President and Mrs. Wilson left at 8 a. m. today for New York, where they will attend the wedding this afternoon of Dr. Cary T. Grayson, the president's naval aide and physician, and Miss Alice Gertrude Gordon of Washington and New York. They were accompanied by Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, the president's cousin.

The president and Mrs. Wilson took with them a large wedding cake made at the White House. The presidential party will return to Washington tonight.

## EXECUTIVE WOMEN MURDERERS WITH AXE IN GERMANY

Berlin, May 23.—Henrietta Holstein, the wife of a Koenigsberg farmer, was executed here today for the triple murder of her husband, daughter and a stepson by arsenic. The execution was performed in the traditional manner by a headman with a broad axe. Two Berlin women of the underworld, who were recently convicted of the murder and robbery of a third woman, are in jail awaiting the infliction of the death penalty by beheading.

## WIFE A WITNESS

Mrs. Waite Reveals Husband's Murder Motive.

Identify Sender of Mysterious "K. Adams" Telegram.

New York, May 24.—The sender of the mysterious "K. Adams" telegram which has figured in the case of Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, accused of the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, millionaire Grand Rapids drug manufacturer, was identified as Elizabeth B. Hardwick of Somerville, N. J., at Waite's trial today. This was the telegram sent from New York to Grand Rapids, urging Percy Peck to have a autopsy performed on his father's body.

Mrs. Clara Louise Peck Waite faced her husband in the court for the first time today when she took the stand as a witness against him. Mrs. Waite was dressed in mourning. Mrs. Waite, who had been sitting with bowed head at the forenoon trial, looked at his wife, but she appeared not to see him.

Mrs. Waite Breaks Down. Mrs. Waite testified concerning her father's visit from Grand Rapids to New York and the circumstances which caused her to believe that Dr. Albert Moore be called to see her father.

That is, she said, Dr. Waite and myself planned to go to Hot Springs on a visit. Father appeared to be in very good health.

Some time after her father's arrival here, Mrs. Waite said, he developed fainting spells. Waite already had admitted that he inoculated him with a germ. Peck, with disarming frankness, told of an occurrence at dinner three days before Mr. Peck's death when Waite served her father with oysters and she remarked that he felt unusually drowsy. When asked if she noticed anything unusual in Waite's manner, Mrs. Waite broke down and sobbed, but finally replied: "No, only what my maid told me later."

She said her father's condition grew gradually worse and she called in Dr. Moore several times. Mrs. Elizabeth B. E. Hardwick was on the witness stand only a short time. She testified that she sent the "K. Adams" telegram on March 12 from the Grand Rapids station in warning the Peck family that Mr. Peck might have suffered foul play.

## PROBE OF BOOKS

City Commissioners Plan to Investigate Local Corporations.

Seek Audit of Edison and Street Railway Conditions.

"I will introduce a resolution asking that sufficient funds be set aside from the general municipal account to employ certified accountants to make a thorough investigation of both street railway and the Topeka Edison power plant," said Commissioner of Finance Wasson, this morning.

"If it is possible to get this resolution ready for tomorrow's meeting, I will introduce it then; if not, at the next regular meeting of the commission," he said.

"I feel that it is my duty to the people to let them know just how the tax account of these two corporations stands and the resolution I am about to introduce will be broad enough to make the investigation both thorough and searching."

"When the accountants be given full instructions to date their investigation from the beginning, or will it cover a certain period of years?" he was asked.

"It will be a rigid investigation," was the answer.

## SUMMER IS HERE

Last Night Was the Warmest of the Present Season.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau:

7 o'clock..... 72 11 o'clock..... 86  
8 o'clock..... 75 12 o'clock..... 88  
9 o'clock..... 80 1 o'clock..... 90  
10 o'clock..... 83 2 o'clock..... 91

The wind blew at the rate of 20 miles an hour from the south. The maximum velocity last night was 30 miles. The temperature came within 4 degrees of the high record for this date, which is 95 degrees. This was the warmest day of this year.

Last night was the warmest night this year. Six showers, too light to measure, fell during the early part of the night here, and a few scattered rains fell over the state. The sky was clear in all parts of Kansas this morning and temperatures were above normal. The rain is over, according to (Continued on Page 2.)

## HUGHES SILENT WHILE PEOPLE FLOCK TO T. R.

Unless Justice Talks, It Will Be Easy for Roosevelt.

Remarkable Editorial by Big Anti-Roosevelt Newspaper.

LIKES HIS FRANK PATRIOTISM

United States Admires Courage of "Rough Rider."

Detroit Speech Was an Epoch Making Utterance.

Washington, May 24.—New York Evening Sun, which has been traditionally an anti-Roosevelt paper and an open admirer of Justice Hughes, prints the following editorial:

"Once again the veering weathercock of national politics points in the direction of Theodore Roosevelt. Who can wonder? The frank courage and patriotic wisdom of his great Detroit speech put to shame the hesitation and the reticence of his competitors. When politicians go into the silences on the eve of a presidential election they can hardly expect great armies of voters to follow them with enthusiastic shouts nor yet remain on the misty outside waiting for them to hatch out a thought or conviction.

"There is a kind of preparedness which always attracts the citizenry. It is that shown by the man who has definite and concrete views on the cause. He appeals to the masses, stimulates their imagination and arouses their admiration.

Confident in His Leadership. "Out of these elements are born the great leaders of the nation. Faith and enthusiasm for his personal (Continued on Page Two.)

## ENLARGE PLANT

Wolf Packing Company Begins Construction of Addition.

Improvements to Take Care of Increased Business.

Preliminary construction work on a five-story \$20,000 building, and additional yard and department facilities of the Wolf Packing company began this morning. In order to take care of the constantly increasing business of this institution, these improvements were ordered by the officers of the concern.

The new building will be built adjoining the present fireproof concrete structure. Its dimensions are 75 by 150 feet, five stories in height. It will conform architecturally with the other buildings comprising the plant.

The Wolf Packing company now is well over the "million dollar plant" mark. The annual output is more than \$3,000,000. More than 200 employees are in service the year around. It is one of the big sound institutions of Topeka and Kansas and enjoys a wonderful trade over the state.

## LOVE OWN WIFE

Wichita Suicide Gives Advice to Men Who Love "Another."

Wichita, Kan., May 24.—Joseph C. Cupp, 29 years old, an employee of the Stockyards company, drank an eighth of an ounce of strychnine in a neighbor's home, 14 Ohio avenue, this morning. More than 200 neighbors police were searching for his wife, Addie Cupp, 43 years old, who disappeared from Wichita. He died in the hospital, but the man who crawled on a scrap of paper, were the following lines:

"Here's to the man who loves to be loved. By his little wife at home. But don't do the man who's loving another's wife. When he ought to be loving his own."

## "T. R. FOR PRESIDENT"

Preparedness Review Magazine Adopts Roosevelt Slogan.

New York, May 24.—Theodore Roosevelt for president," is the slogan adopted by the Preparedness Review, a monthly magazine devoted to the first number will appear today. The magazine is edited by Clarence Smedley Thompson, chairman of the executive committee of the American defense society.

## WAR VETERAN, 72, IS CUPID VICTIM AT G. A. R. CAMP

Decatur, Ill., May 24.—Dan Cupid was one of the visitors at the golden jubilee encampment of the Illinois G. A. R. here today. M. E. Blair, aged 72, a well known member of the Chicago post, and Mrs. Etta Greter, aged 69, member of the Chicago Women's Relief corps, and widow of a veteran, were married in Englewood yesterday and came to the state encampment on their honeymoon.

## JAPAN AN ALLY

Will Join Mexico Against United States, If—

"Material Support" in Any Contingency Is Promised.

CARRANZA NOTE AN ENIGMA

Mexico City Report Says Carranza Sends Defl.

U. S. Ambassador Gives No Intimation of Trouble.

Mexico City, May 23.—(via Galveston, May 24.—Delayed by censorship) It is stated here that in case of war between Mexico and the United States, Japan will be an active ally of Mexico.

Japanese influence is seen on all sides. The inflexible attitude of the Mexican government is said to be directly attributable to the fact that it will have not only the moral, but also the material support of Japan in any contingency.

Sovereignty Trampled Upon. Mexico City, Mexico, May 24.—A note from the de facto government of Mexico to the government of the United States commanding the immediate withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico, is on its way to Washington today.

The note says that the Mexican people do not want war with the United States, but that they are ready for war rather than have their national honor and sovereignty trampled upon.

Washington, May 24.—The new note from General Carranza, Mexico City, to the United States department of State, is said to be a friendly one toward the United States and added the feeling prevailed among them that the critical period as to the border situation had passed. Officially Carranza's verbal report to General Carranza on his conference with General Scott and Funston at the border.

A later dispatch from Special Agent Rodgers said the new Carranza note should reach El Paso, Texas, today. Carranza's ambassador, next Monday indicating that the messenger had already left Mexico City.

Although General Funston has not reported movements of Carranza troops east of General Pershing's column, the Carranza forces were being moved northward were being moved today to the border commander.

Carranza's position in the north is said to be a candidate for president on a third ticket disturbed some Democratic politicians considerably. The story circulated among them was that Bryan was being put forward as a candidate on a combined pacifist and prohibition platform and that Henry Ford would lend the movement his influence and bank roll.

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Chicago, Ill., May 24.—National prohibition party headquarters in Chicago became active today in a movement to adopt William Jennings Bryan as the candidate of the party for president. This movement was due to Mr. Bryan's declaration at Saratoga Springs that if his own party failed to recognize in its platform the vital issue of prohibition he might make his battle elsewhere.

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## ACCEPT BRANDEIS

Senate Committee Endorses Supreme Court Appointee.

Strict Party Vote, 10 to 8, Settles Long Controversy.

Washington, May 24.—The senate judiciary committee voted ten to eight today to report favorably to the senate the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for associate justice of the supreme court. It was a strict party vote.

Senators opposed to confirmation will seek consideration of the nomination in open session of the senate since the hearings were open. Those in favor will oppose open session unless they change their plans.

No plan as to when the nomination will be taken up in the senate has yet been formulated. The action of the committee remained in doubt up to the time the vote was taken. Senator Shields, Democrat of Tennessee, arrived in the capital today just in time to cast the deciding vote. Senator McCormick was reported to be a member of the committee not present. His vote, however, was recorded against confirmation.

Senators voting for confirmation were Culberson, Overman, Chilton, O'Gorman, Fletcher, Reed, Ashurst, Shields, Walsh and Smith of Georgia. Senators voting against confirmation were Clark of Wyoming, Nelson, Dillingham, Sutherland, Brandegee, Borah, Cummins and Works.

## SAVES BOY'S LIFE

Donald McCormick, 14, Shows Unusual Presence of Mind.

The prompt action of fourteen year old Donald McCormick undoubtedly saved the life of Allen Barstow Saturday afternoon when a man, who was of the city, Young Barstow was bitten by a rattlesnake while playing with McCormick on his farm. There was no hesitation on McCormick's part. As soon as he realized what had occurred he sucked the wound and picked up his little friend, who is only eight years of age, he carried him to his father's automobile and rushed to the hospital.

"Young McCormick's presence of mind certainly saved Allen's life," Dr. Powell said today. "There was still some communication has not been altered since it was sent back to the department by President Wilson.

## NEW BISHOP TO OMAHA

Archbishop Harty of Manila Ordered to Succeed Sennell.

Rome, May 24.—The Most Rev. Jeremiah J. Harty, archbishop of Manila, has been appointed bishop of Omaha.

## WAITING FOR CUSTOMERS.



## PICKS UP WIRELESS MESSAGE 9,000 MILES

Sydney, May 24.—The American steamship Ventura which has just arrived here from San Francisco reports that she picked up a wireless message from the station at Tuckerton, N. J., when 9,000 miles distant from that point. This is said to be a world's record.

## PLAN FOR PEACE

President Believes It's Time to Consider War's End.

U. S. Should Be Ready to Act at Proper Moment.

Washington, May 24.—Prospects of peace in Europe were discussed at the cabinet meeting Tuesday. Consideration also was given to the address the president will deliver on Saturday before the League of Nations.

The president's views as he will outline them Saturday are expected to be: Neutral nations should be prompt to seize any opportunity that may pave the way to peace.

## MORE FOR NAVY

Committee Recommends an Increase of \$91,787,287.

Five Battle Cruisers to Be Built Under Measure.

Washington, May 24.—The naval appropriation bill carrying a total of \$241,000,000 was reported to the house today by Chairman Padgett of the naval committee. Majority Leader Kitchin announced yesterday that a special rule would be brought in under which the measure will be passed not later than Saturday night of next week.

The committee's report says that the \$91,787,287 increase over last year's appropriation was found necessary to place the navy in a better state of preparedness. It states that a total of \$98,853,378 is provided for new ships, including five battle cruisers, and to continue ships now building.

## BLOWS UP SHELL DEPOT

Italian Shot Destroys Munitions and Sets Town Afire.

Paris, May 24.—An Italian shell has blown up the largest munitions depot at Rovereto and the town is now in flames, according to a news dispatch from Rome. Several heavy guns were destroyed by the explosion.

## \$10.15 STEERS ON HIGHEST OF YEAR

K. C. Market Is Highest of Year

Kansas City, May 24.—The highest price paid for prime steers on the local market this year was established today when 40 head, averaging 1,302 pounds each, sold for \$10.15 per hundred weight. This also is a record price for the month of May, the previous high record for the month being \$9.20, paid in 1912. An extraordinary outlet for meat and a scant supply of good cattle was given as the cause for the high prices.

## WILL TURN OUT BY THOUSANDS TO WELCOME T. R.

Kansas City Will Open Its Arms to the Colonel.

Crowd of 15,000 to 20,000 to Meet Him.

A THOUSAND BOY SCOUTS

Will Be Marshaled at the Union Station Plaza.

Reception Committee in One Hundred Automobiles.

Kansas City, Mo., May 24.—When the committee representing more than twenty civic and patriotic organizations met at the Hotel Muehlebach to arrange for the reception and entertainment of Colonel Roosevelt Memorial day it was overwhelmed with the immensity of the project has already assumed. Reports indicated that fifteen thousand to twenty thousand persons would be congregated on the wide stretches of the station plaza to greet the colonel upon his arrival at 8:45 o'clock next Tuesday morning.

To take care of this outpouring was the first duty the committee set about. A thousand boy scouts in uniform will be marshaled on the plaza at 8 o'clock and will pass in review before Colonel Roosevelt's car. A band will play on the plaza to entertain the early comers. There will be flags and patriotic emblems.

When the Train Arrives. When the Roosevelt train arrives the colonel will be met in the union station lobby by the Kansas City reception committee and an unbroken line of waiting motor cars outside. The members of the committee will occupy one block in the arena floor until 3:45 p.m. parked early at the western end of the plaza all facing east. After the review of the Scouts the colonel's car and the cars of the reception committee, the big band, except for the G. A. R. band, the Scouts and others will fall in line and the procession up town will start. It will be led by the police motorcycle squad and will cover the following route:

East on Twenty-third Street to Grand North on Grand Avenue to Eleventh Street, west on Eleventh Street to Baltimore South on Baltimore to the Hotel Muehlebach at 6 o'clock.

Commercial Club Luncheon. The Commercial club will give a luncheon for Colonel Roosevelt and the committee at the Hotel Muehlebach at 12:30 o'clock.

The committee has decided that no reservations are to be made in the big hall, except for the G. A. R. and the Confederate veterans and affiliated bodies. Seats for these will be held on the arena floor until 3:45 o'clock. After that all will be thrown open to the public.

Colonel Roosevelt will start his address at 6 o'clock. Colonel Roosevelt will leave at 6 o'clock.

## FOUR DEAD IN MINE

Fire in Famous Yellow Jacket of Virginia City.

Flames on 1,400 Foot Level—Details Lacking.

Virginia City, May 24.—Four men are known to have perished in a fire raging today in the lower levels of the Yellow Jacket mine near here. Two bodies were recovered. The fire started last night. It is burning at the 1,400 foot level.

Yellow Jacket is in the Gold Hill district, one that Mark Twain as reporter and city editor of the "Enterprise" knew well in the early 60's.

75 Men Work in Mine. San Francisco, May 24.—At the San Francisco office of the company it was stated no definite information as to the fire had been received except that it had started at the 1,600 foot level—the deepest level at which operations in the mine are now being conducted. The total depth of the mine is something over 2,000 feet. A similar conflagration occurred a year ago with no casualties. Seventy-five men work in it.

## TURNED CHAPLIN DOWN

Movie Actor Sought to Insure His Life for \$1,000,000.

Boston, May 24.—Charlie Chaplin has been trying to insure his life for \$1,000,000, according to a local company. This company rejected his application for the maximum policy that it issues, \$50,000, because of the health record of his family. Just what the family record was, could not be learned.

He succeeded in placing policies with other companies that aggregated a huge sum, if not the \$1,000,000 he desired.

## PLUNGERS SUNK TWO

Russian and Greek Vessels Victims: All of Crews Saved.

Barcelona, May 24.—The Russian bark Regina has been sunk by a submarine. Her captain and crew arrived here today.

The captain stated that near Barcelona he met two lifeboats containing the crews of two Italian sailing vessels, both of which had been sunk by the same Austrian submarine.

## Kern to Nominate Marshall

Washington, May 24.—Senator John W. Kern of Indiana, has been decided on as to the man to present the name of Vice President Thomas R. Marshall to the Democratic national convention as a candidate for vice president.

Congressman W. R. Wood, of the Tenth Indiana district, will present the name of Charles W. Fairbanks to the Republican national convention.

## PHILOSOPHY OF OLD AGE TOLD BY WOMAN, 104

Madison, Wis., May 24.—Mrs. Louis Brayton celebrated her 104th birthday today. Mrs. Brayton never rode in an auto and never saw a movie. She knows little of the frivolities of the present day. She is in full possession of her faculties. Mrs. Brayton says the secret of longevity is to "keep good hours, not to forget your spiritual life in the pursuit of worldly things, be regular in everything you do and above all, be true to yourself."