

THE fruits of victory in Kansas elections are badly spoiled on account of the slow returns.

Topeka State Journal

WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Generally fair and continued warm tonight and Friday.

HOME EDITION

TOPEKA, KANSAS, THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 17, 1916—TEN PAGES

TWO CENTS

IMPEACH JUDGE FLANNELLY AND CARRY GAS MATTER TO LEGISLATURES CAPPER PLAN

Demands for Enactments Curbing Judicial Power.
Capper Announces His Latest Course in Gas Fight.
WON'T TRUST TO DEMOCRATS
Governor Will Wait Until He Has Republican Senate.
Vigorous Action Against Power of Court in Kansas.

Governor Capper announced today he would ask for a legislative investigation of the gas question. He is also considering impeachment proceedings against Judge John H. Flannelly of Montgomery county, who is to be held before the state senate. Demands will also be made on the legislature for enactments curbing judicial power and fat fees in receiverships.

The governor's drastic program of procedure in the Kansas Natural Gas litigation was announced today before he started for Clay county. It is not the governor's plan to call a special session of the legislature. He does not care to entrust the Flannelly matter to the Democrat senate. Expense of a special session is also great. So the governor will wait until he has a Republican senate. In a discussion of the gas controversy today Governor Capper made clear that he proposed to carry the gas fight to a finish. He will continue his indictment of the gas receivership in his speeches during the campaign and will urge legislative action. He will take his program before the legislature and will ask for a joint investigation of the gas receivership, the big fees and the action of Judge Flannelly of the Montgomery county district court.

Criminal Prosecution May Follow.
That criminal prosecution might follow the findings of the legislative committee is one of the actions regarded as most probable in the governor's drastic program for action against persons connected with the gas receivership. The legislative committee will have a report on the testimony and make findings and recommendations to the governor. The governor may then direct the attorney general to bring criminal proceedings against persons involved.
"I shall certainly ask for a legislative investigation of this receivership matter," said the governor. "It is a disgrace to the state and I propose to go to the bottom of it. It is a fact that the legislature meets in Topeka in a little more than four months. I do not deem it wise, at this time, to call a special session. However, I have never said flatly that I would not call a special session if an emergency demand such action.
"Expense of a special session is great and I believe the desired results can be secured thru the next regular session. I shall not only for a thorough investigation of the gas matter by a joint committee from the two houses, but shall also direct the attorney general to bring criminal proceedings against the excessive fees. My plan is to go thoroughly into the entire matter."
Governor Capper asked if his program included the citation of Judge Flannelly before the state senate for impeachment proceedings.
"That will most likely will be one of the matters brought before the legislature," said the governor. "Just the procedure to be followed. I will not say at this time, but I will stop with nothing short of the most searching investigation."
The governor's declaration today was the most sensational development in the gas rate controversy. It followed a number of speeches in which Governor Capper bitterly arraigned Judge Flannelly, the receivers and attorneys in the case. Until today, however, the governor had not positively outlined his campaign in the matter. Rather than to announce that he would demand dissolution of the receivership and complete reorganization of the cases from Judge Flannelly's jurisdiction.
"This is a matter of state wide concern and has become a state's disgrace," declared the governor. "I shall certainly discuss the matter in public places and believe the state will demand a full investigation of the case and the man connected with the gas receivership."
Governor Capper was asked if he anticipated action by the Republican party council when the platform is written in Topeka August 29.
The council could do well by meeting this situation frankly and firmly," said the governor. "Personally I do not believe I shall ask for a platform plank touching the matter, but would not be surprised if some such action were taken."
Governor Capper left today for Green, Clay county, where he speaks this afternoon at a joint picnic of farmers from Clay, Washington and Riley counties. It is reported that the governor will discuss the gas controversy in his Clay county speech.

Minimum Gas Question Could Have Been Settled.
Bill in Legislature in 1915 But Capper Gave No Heed.
IT DIED ON HOUSE CALENDAR
Nothing in Governor's Message to Indicate Support.
Act Provided That No Minimum Charge Bill.
Whatever Be Charged.

Governor Capper's zeal in condemning the minimum rate in the gas controversy, is the result of a recent conviction, according to persons who are in touch with some of the governor's official acts of the last 18 months. Today it was pointed out that Governor Capper failed to protest when the legislature went home without passing the anti minimum charge bill in both the 1913 and 1915 legislative sessions a bill was before the state legislature which would have provided just the relief the state needs to seek at this time. The matter of a minimum charge for such commodities as electricity, gas, water and other services would have been impossible under the proposed law.

Several Messages.
During the time the measure was pending in the legislature, Governor Capper sent several special messages to the law makers. On one occasion he regarded pending appropriation bills of such importance that he separated. The mother now has the child. Evidently word of the separation reached the Canadian orphanage and is responsible for the decision to recall the child.

Up to the Probate Judge.
Mrs. Spencer has had the matter up with the probate judge and the Canadian concern is taking it up now with the office of the probate judge. The foster mother is having a hard time to get the child, who is now five or six years old. She has had the baby she has formed such an attachment for the little girl that she does not now want to take her from her mother's arms.

GREENHOUSE FIRE
Plant Destroyed at a Loss of \$10,000.
Telephone Service Fails and Flames Spread.

The Ed Bass greenhouse, opposite Leary park on East Fifteenth street, was destroyed by fire which started early this morning. The greenhouse was destroyed by fire which started early this morning. The greenhouse was destroyed by fire which started early this morning.

CHILE MAKES PROTEST
Emphasizes to England Extent of Damage to Its Commerce.
Santiago, Chile, Aug. 17.—The Chilean minister to London today made a protest against the British blockade, emphasizing to England the extent of the damage done to Chilean interests.

GIVES ANOTHER \$50,000 TO PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN
Indianapolis, Aug. 17.—An additional gift of \$50,000 to the National Prohibition party's campaign fund by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Coffin of Indianapolis, Fla., was announced here today.

SALOON BANDITS BUSY
In Hour and a Half They Hold Up Six Chicago Groceries.
Chicago, Aug. 17.—Four young masked automobile bandits, one armed with a rusty revolver, started a series of saloon robberies in the southwest side of Chicago last night. They rushed on the north side after having held up six saloons and obtained small amounts of money within an hour and a half.

2 GOVERNMENTS IN LEGAL FIGHT OVER CHILD HERE

World Powers Involved in Struggle for Topeka Orphan.
Canada Would Take Away Baby From New Home.
WOULD ANNUL THE ADOPTION
Mrs. Ida Spencer Won't Give Up the 6-Year-Old Girl.
Foster Mother and Daughter Are Now Fondly Attached.

Two governments—two world powers—will become involved in the fight over one baby, and an orphan at that. If Mrs. Ida Spencer, the mother by adoption, continues to refuse to give the child up willingly. The child, a 6 year old girl, is a British subject but is in Topeka with Mrs. Spencer. She was adopted in Canada when an infant and has been with Mrs. Spencer ever since. She was adopted from a Canadian orphanage.

ANYTHING TO GET HOME
Texas Guardsmen Shoot Off Fingers and Toes for Dismissal.
Dallas, Texas, Aug. 17.—National guardsmen are being driven to desperation by their enforced idleness on the border and are choosing the two most precarious methods to get home—desertion and self-inflicted wounds. This was the statement today of Roy Gathright, the former city fireman and now connected with the hospital corps of the Texas National Guard. He was in Dallas to take a deserter back to camp.

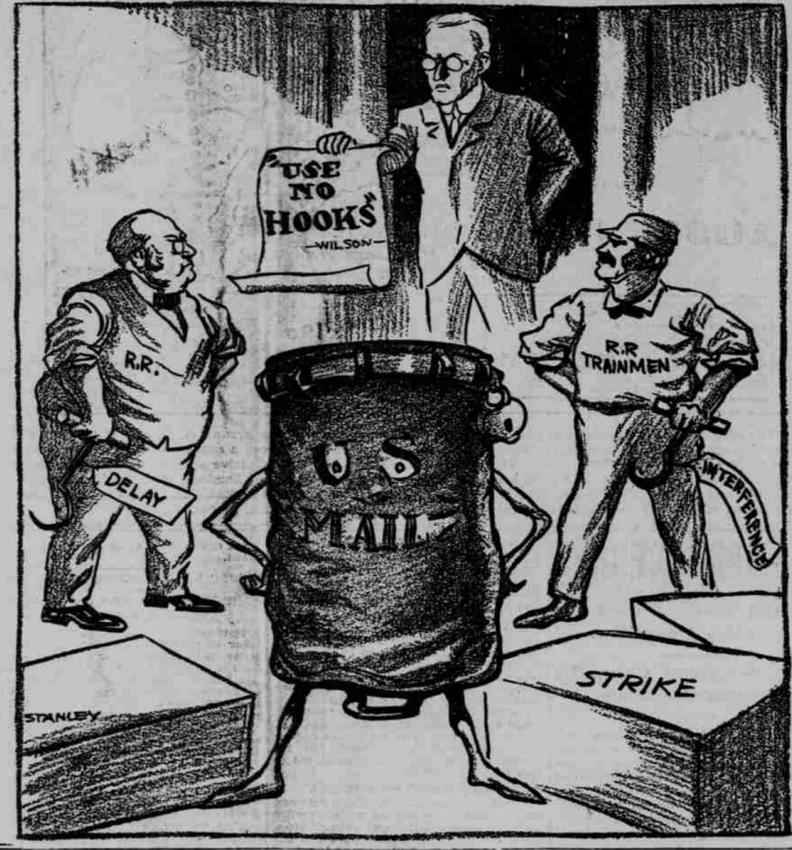
SMOKY ROW BURN
Fire Destroys Oldest Structure at the Poor Farm.
Main Building Was Saved Owing to Favorable Wind.

"Smoky Row," the oldest structure on the county poor farm, north of the city, burned to the ground shortly after noon today. Fire is believed to have started from a spark which dropped on the roof of the building from a chimney at the south end of the structure.

EDICT BARS MEN FROM FAIR ONE'S MILITARY CAMP
Lake Geneva, Wis., Aug. 17.—Men hereforth are to be barred from the national service school camp of the woman's division of the Navy league of the United States—that is all except instructors—unless they have passes properly signed and countersigned.

THEY'RE WAR WRINKLES
BEAUTY DOCTOR ASSERTS
London, Aug. 17.—A leading hairdresser here said today that she has discovered that English women are developing "war wrinkles" on their faces. She declared that the little wrinkles around the mouth and eyes of her patrons are unlike any she ever saw before and have appeared only since the war began. They have, she said, entirely changed the average English woman's expression.

"SAFETY FIRST"



CALL FOR PEACE
German People Would End War at Any Cost.

Strong Measures Fail to Suppress the Agitation.
Rotterdam, Aug. 17.—Thruout Germany the authorities have their hands full confiscating and trying to trace the source of pamphlets advocating peace at any price. This symptom of revolt among a large section of the people recently assumed alarming proportions. A few days ago there was a house-to-house search in Berlin, resulting in the arrest of an editor and a publisher of a socialist newspaper.

MORGAN IS NAMED
Lieutenant Governor Chief of Republican Publicity.
Hutchinson Editor Enters National Duty Today.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—W. Y. Morgan, a publisher of the Hutchinson (Kan.) News and lieutenant governor of that state, was appointed today as chief of the publicity bureau of the western campaign headquarters of the Republican national committee.

SMOKY ROW BURN
Fire Destroys Oldest Structure at the Poor Farm.
Main Building Was Saved Owing to Favorable Wind.

CHILE MAKES PROTEST
Emphasizes to England Extent of Damage to Its Commerce.
Santiago, Chile, Aug. 17.—The Chilean minister to London today made a protest against the British blockade, emphasizing to England the extent of the damage done to Chilean interests.

GIVES ANOTHER \$50,000 TO PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN
Indianapolis, Aug. 17.—An additional gift of \$50,000 to the National Prohibition party's campaign fund by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Coffin of Indianapolis, Fla., was announced here today.

BRAID FOR EVERY WOUND
CORPORAL WILL WEAR 51
London, Aug. 17.—Lance Corporal Riley, convalescing in Queen Mary's hospital from the effects of fifty-one bullet wounds suffered in the Big Push, was advised today that he will receive a piece of gold braid for each wound. Riley has lockjaw, too.

MORGAN IS NAMED
Lieutenant Governor Chief of Republican Publicity.
Hutchinson Editor Enters National Duty Today.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—W. Y. Morgan, a publisher of the Hutchinson (Kan.) News and lieutenant governor of that state, was appointed today as chief of the publicity bureau of the western campaign headquarters of the Republican national committee.

SMOKY ROW BURN
Fire Destroys Oldest Structure at the Poor Farm.
Main Building Was Saved Owing to Favorable Wind.

CHILE MAKES PROTEST
Emphasizes to England Extent of Damage to Its Commerce.
Santiago, Chile, Aug. 17.—The Chilean minister to London today made a protest against the British blockade, emphasizing to England the extent of the damage done to Chilean interests.

GIVES ANOTHER \$50,000 TO PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN
Indianapolis, Aug. 17.—An additional gift of \$50,000 to the National Prohibition party's campaign fund by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Coffin of Indianapolis, Fla., was announced here today.

SALOON BANDITS BUSY
In Hour and a Half They Hold Up Six Chicago Groceries.
Chicago, Aug. 17.—Four young masked automobile bandits, one armed with a rusty revolver, started a series of saloon robberies in the southwest side of Chicago last night. They rushed on the north side after having held up six saloons and obtained small amounts of money within an hour and a half.

CHILE MAKES PROTEST
Emphasizes to England Extent of Damage to Its Commerce.
Santiago, Chile, Aug. 17.—The Chilean minister to London today made a protest against the British blockade, emphasizing to England the extent of the damage done to Chilean interests.

GIVES ANOTHER \$50,000 TO PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN
Indianapolis, Aug. 17.—An additional gift of \$50,000 to the National Prohibition party's campaign fund by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Coffin of Indianapolis, Fla., was announced here today.

KILLED A SHERIFF
Walt Daryl, Lyon County Official, Shot by Robber.
Three of Posse Wounded—Slayer's Partner Captured.

Emporia, Kan., Aug. 17.—Walt Daryl, sheriff of Lyon county, was shot and instantly killed last night in a revolver duel with two alleged holdup men. The slayer escaped in the darkness but his companion did not attempt to escape and is held by the officers.

MORGAN IS NAMED
Lieutenant Governor Chief of Republican Publicity.
Hutchinson Editor Enters National Duty Today.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—W. Y. Morgan, a publisher of the Hutchinson (Kan.) News and lieutenant governor of that state, was appointed today as chief of the publicity bureau of the western campaign headquarters of the Republican national committee.

SMOKY ROW BURN
Fire Destroys Oldest Structure at the Poor Farm.
Main Building Was Saved Owing to Favorable Wind.

CHILE MAKES PROTEST
Emphasizes to England Extent of Damage to Its Commerce.
Santiago, Chile, Aug. 17.—The Chilean minister to London today made a protest against the British blockade, emphasizing to England the extent of the damage done to Chilean interests.

GIVES ANOTHER \$50,000 TO PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN
Indianapolis, Aug. 17.—An additional gift of \$50,000 to the National Prohibition party's campaign fund by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Coffin of Indianapolis, Fla., was announced here today.

SALOON BANDITS BUSY
In Hour and a Half They Hold Up Six Chicago Groceries.
Chicago, Aug. 17.—Four young masked automobile bandits, one armed with a rusty revolver, started a series of saloon robberies in the southwest side of Chicago last night. They rushed on the north side after having held up six saloons and obtained small amounts of money within an hour and a half.

CHILE MAKES PROTEST
Emphasizes to England Extent of Damage to Its Commerce.
Santiago, Chile, Aug. 17.—The Chilean minister to London today made a protest against the British blockade, emphasizing to England the extent of the damage done to Chilean interests.

7,506 MORE MEN TAKEN CAPTIVES BY CZAR'S ARMY

Sakharoff's Division Alone Has 94,754 to Its Credit.
Lull on Isonzo Front to Straighten Italian Line.
FRENCH GAIN ON SOMME
Methodical Smash on Germans From Three Sides.
No Counter Attacks by Teutons During Night.

Petrograd, Aug. 17.—The capture of 7,506 more prisoners by the Russian armies under General Sakharoff was officially announced today. Since the beginning of the Russian offensive Sakharoff has taken 94,754 prisoners. Other additional booty taken by Sakharoff's forces include twenty-nine light and seventeen heavy guns.

MORGAN IS NAMED
Lieutenant Governor Chief of Republican Publicity.
Hutchinson Editor Enters National Duty Today.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—W. Y. Morgan, a publisher of the Hutchinson (Kan.) News and lieutenant governor of that state, was appointed today as chief of the publicity bureau of the western campaign headquarters of the Republican national committee.

SMOKY ROW BURN
Fire Destroys Oldest Structure at the Poor Farm.
Main Building Was Saved Owing to Favorable Wind.

CHILE MAKES PROTEST
Emphasizes to England Extent of Damage to Its Commerce.
Santiago, Chile, Aug. 17.—The Chilean minister to London today made a protest against the British blockade, emphasizing to England the extent of the damage done to Chilean interests.

GIVES ANOTHER \$50,000 TO PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN
Indianapolis, Aug. 17.—An additional gift of \$50,000 to the National Prohibition party's campaign fund by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Coffin of Indianapolis, Fla., was announced here today.

SALOON BANDITS BUSY
In Hour and a Half They Hold Up Six Chicago Groceries.
Chicago, Aug. 17.—Four young masked automobile bandits, one armed with a rusty revolver, started a series of saloon robberies in the southwest side of Chicago last night. They rushed on the north side after having held up six saloons and obtained small amounts of money within an hour and a half.

CHILE MAKES PROTEST
Emphasizes to England Extent of Damage to Its Commerce.
Santiago, Chile, Aug. 17.—The Chilean minister to London today made a protest against the British blockade, emphasizing to England the extent of the damage done to Chilean interests.

GIVES ANOTHER \$50,000 TO PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN
Indianapolis, Aug. 17.—An additional gift of \$50,000 to the National Prohibition party's campaign fund by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Coffin of Indianapolis, Fla., was announced here today.

SALOON BANDITS BUSY
In Hour and a Half They Hold Up Six Chicago Groceries.
Chicago, Aug. 17.—Four young masked automobile bandits, one armed with a rusty revolver, started a series of saloon robberies in the southwest side of Chicago last night. They rushed on the north side after having held up six saloons and obtained small amounts of money within an hour and a half.

WILSON CALLS R. R. PRESIDENTS TO CONFERENCE

Sends Telegram Urging They Come at Once.
Signifies Extreme Crisis Reached in Strike Crisis.
MEETS WITH BROTHERHOODS
President Addresses Committee of 604 in White House.
Will Try to Persuade Unions to Accept Compromise.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Reaching what apparently was a deadlock in the attempted settlement of the threatened strike on the railroads, President Wilson today sent a telegram to the presidents of the great railroad systems of the country. The telegram says: "Discussion of the matters involved in the threatened railroad strike has reached a point which makes it highly desirable that I should personally confer with you at the earliest possible moment and with the president of the board of the railroads affected who may be immediately accessible. Hope you can make it convenient to come to Washington at once."

MORGAN IS NAMED
Lieutenant Governor Chief of Republican Publicity.
Hutchinson Editor Enters National Duty Today.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—W. Y. Morgan, a publisher of the Hutchinson (Kan.) News and lieutenant governor of that state, was appointed today as chief of the publicity bureau of the western campaign headquarters of the Republican national committee.

SMOKY ROW BURN
Fire Destroys Oldest Structure at the Poor Farm.
Main Building Was Saved Owing to Favorable Wind.

CHILE MAKES PROTEST
Emphasizes to England Extent of Damage to Its Commerce.
Santiago, Chile, Aug. 17.—The Chilean minister to London today made a protest against the British blockade, emphasizing to England the extent of the damage done to Chilean interests.

GIVES ANOTHER \$50,000 TO PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN
Indianapolis, Aug. 17.—An additional gift of \$50,000 to the National Prohibition party's campaign fund by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Coffin of Indianapolis, Fla., was announced here today.

SALOON BANDITS BUSY
In Hour and a Half They Hold Up Six Chicago Groceries.
Chicago, Aug. 17.—Four young masked automobile bandits, one armed with a rusty revolver, started a series of saloon robberies in the southwest side of Chicago last night. They rushed on the north side after having held up six saloons and obtained small amounts of money within an hour and a half.

CHILE MAKES PROTEST
Emphasizes to England Extent of Damage to Its Commerce.
Santiago, Chile, Aug. 17.—The Chilean minister to London today made a protest against the British blockade, emphasizing to England the extent of the damage done to Chilean interests.

GIVES ANOTHER \$50,000 TO PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN
Indianapolis, Aug. 17.—An additional gift of \$50,000 to the National Prohibition party's campaign fund by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Coffin of Indianapolis, Fla., was announced here today.

SALOON BANDITS BUSY
In Hour and a Half They Hold Up Six Chicago Groceries.
Chicago, Aug. 17.—Four young masked automobile bandits, one armed with a rusty revolver, started a series of saloon robberies in the southwest side of Chicago last night. They rushed on the north side after having held up six saloons and obtained small amounts of money within an hour and a half.

10 DEG. ABOVE NORMAL
Last Night Was Hot and Today Is the Same.
Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau:
7 o'clock ... 77 11 o'clock ... 92
8 o'clock ... 81 12 o'clock ... 95
9 o'clock ... 87 1 o'clock ... 96
10 o'clock ... 89 2 o'clock ... 95
Temperatures today averaged 10 degrees above normal. The wind is blowing at the rate of twenty miles an hour from the south.
Temperatures over the state show a general tendency to drop slightly, and only one place reported a reading of 100 degrees yesterday. The maximum at Topeka was 92 degrees and the day was made comfortable by a few showers fell in the southern part of the state, last night and the sky today was clear in nearly all sections of Kansas. No change is predicted by the weather bureau.
The forecast calls for generally fair weather tonight and Friday; continued high temperatures.
The lowest temperature last night was 76 degrees. This is 10 degrees below normal.
(Continued on Page Two.)

EARTHQUAKE KILLS FOUR
Injuries 30 and Causes Panic and Destruction in Italian City.
Rome, Aug. 17.—The chief damage resulting from the earthquake which shook dozens of cities and towns in central Italy yesterday morning was at Rimini, where four persons are dead and thirty injured. A panic was caused among the population of many of the central cities and villages.