

KANSAS put herself in the sunny south with the incident at Olathe this morning.

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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Fair tonight and Friday; somewhat cooler in the southeastern part of the state.

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## SILENT MASKED MOB HANGS MURDERER OF AGE COUPLE TO POLE IN OLAHE TODAY

Come to Town in Autos; Overpower Sheriff Carroll.

Batter Down Jail Doors and Drag Out Prisoner.

VICTIM A BRUTAL MURDERER Bert Dudley, ex-Convict, Shot Aged Couple Dead.

Dragged Bodies Away; Took Possession of Farm.

TO GET LIFE SENTENCE TODAY But Incensed Populace Take Law in Own Hands.

With Rope Around Neck, Dudley Pleads Innocence.

SHERIFF'S WIFE PLAYS HEROINE Secretes Jail Keys From Mob, Calls Fire Department.

Mob Fires Shots Into Body; None Is Identified.

Olathe, Kan., Sept. 21.—Bert Dudley, the murderer of Henry Muller, an ex-convict, and his wife, was taken from the Johnson county jail here early this morning by a masked mob and hanged to a telephone pole.

The mob came to Olathe in motor cars, supposedly from near Stowell, where Muller had been kept in jail. Sheriff Carroll refused to give up Dudley and the mob overpowered him. Then they battered down three jail doors. Several shots were fired, but none was injured.

The murder, of which Dudley was convicted last Tuesday, was committed near Stowell, seventeen miles southeast of here, August 29. Dudley, who was an ex-convict, was employed as a farm hand and killed Muller because of an altercation over a cow which he wished to borrow to do some road work. Mrs. Muller was killed when she asked Dudley what had become of her husband.

His Bodies in a Cellar. The crime was not discovered for several days. Dudley, after having hid the bodies in an abandoned cellar, who had hired to aid in the farm work. When he endeavored to sell a load of wheat from the farm in discovery of the murder.

The jury which convicted him was out only fifteen minutes.

Mob Well Organized. The mob was well organized and apparently led by one man. It came into Olathe quietly, the lights of the dozen motor cars dimmed by coats of mud over them and their engines tugs removed. One man went to the jail first and called Sheriff Carroll, whose residence is there, out of bed in a motor car accident. As he came down stairs, he was seized from behind. He tried two or three times with his revolver, but was overpowered and his hands were tied behind his back.

They threw water on the mob. Mrs. Carroll, who was outside the jail, called the fire department, an undersheriff and A. G. Carberry, the city marshal. The fire department three streams of water upon the men still outside until they were forced to desist by a display of revolvers. The undersheriff and Marshal Carberry were overpowered, tied and taken into the jail. Just as the door to Dudley's cell was broken down, some one struck Carberry in the back of the head with a revolver and rendered him unconscious.

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MONUMENT TO MEN OF BATTLESHIP MAINE

Havana, Sept. 21.—Because congress adjourned without voting an appropriation of \$100,000 which was asked for erecting a monument to the men of the battleship Maine, which was destroyed in Havana harbor, President Menocal and his cabinet have decided to transfer funds from unused credits and begin erection immediately.

Bakersfield, Cal., Sept. 21.—The Standard Oil company has announced an increase of 5 cents a barrel in California, the schedule making a record high price for the San Joaquin fields.

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county.

State Will Act Governor and Attorney General in Investigation.

Sheriff Is Automatically Suspended From Office.

State departments will probably take a hand in the investigation of the Dudley lynching at Olathe. Both Governor Capper and S. M. Brewster are out of the city today, but reports from the attorney general's office indicated immediate action. Charles Sessions, private secretary to Governor Capper, has been unable to communicate with the state executive. General Brewster is in Fredonia. He has not indicated his action in the matter.

In state house circles, however, it was assumed that Governor Capper would tonight direct the attorney general to take an investigation of the lynching. It is probable that special assistants will be sent to Johnson county from the attorney general's office to gather evidence in the case. Whether Governor Capper will offer a reward in the case or will use his contingent fund in a probe of the Dudley case is not known at this time.

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## FIRST LYNCHING IN TEN YEARS IN STATE OF KANSAS

The lynching of Bert Dudley at Olathe, Kan., early today is the first that has occurred in Kansas in ten years. One of the lynchings in the past decade has been necessary to call out the National Guard to protect a prisoner.

According to state records, the last public lynching occurred in Jackson county in 1902, when a man named Sanderson was hanged by a mob in Holton. Sanderson killed a girl when he shot at his sweetheart who had refused to marry him. The sweetheart was uninjured. He escaped, but was later captured on the Pottawatomie Indian reservation, brought back to Holton that night and hanged from a bridge south of the town.

Fred Alexander, a negro, suspected of the murder of Miss Pearl Forbes, a young woman, was lynched in Leavenworth by a mob in 1901. He had been identified as the man who had attempted to attack many Leavenworth young women. He was dragged from the county jail late in the afternoon and the father of the murdered girl carried the negro to the stake and lighted the fire with his own hands. Eight thousand persons witnessed the burning.

The records show that other lynchings occurred at Fort Scott and Slaroo Springs as well as the activities of the "vigilance committees" when the state was young.

Nat Oliphant, alleged murderer of A. T. Rodgers, at Topeka was lynched the night of June 5, 1888. How many more have been lynched, than the records show, cannot be estimated, but early accounts of the activities of the "vigilance committees" in the state indicate that there probably have been more.

The lynching at Topeka stirred the entire state. More than 15,000 persons, many of them women, witnessed the work of the Topeka mob, which carried out on Kansas avenue in the glare of a street light.

That the day before the lynching in Topeka, on June 4, 1888, a mob was hanged to a bridge at Lincoln, Kan., by a mob, according to newspaper accounts in the library. Clearly was the victim of the murder of Jesse Turner on January 2, 1888. He tried to escape from jail and was shot before being hanged.

Other accounts at the State Historical society show that in 1832 three men were hanged from the same tree at the outskirts of Medicine Lodge. The names of the men were not given.

Henry Brown, who the accounts say was the leader, was shot while trying to escape, and his pals were hanged from the same tree at the same time.

In 1871 a triple lynching was held near Wellington, where Charley Smith, Bill Brooks and Charles Hasbrook, supposed to have been horse-thieves, were hung by a mob, according to newspaper accounts. One of the newspaper stories also says that Sewell Ford's brother also was hanged later.

Probably the most intense scene that ever surrounded a lynching in the state was at Atchison in 1882, library data show. For an entire week a mob of farmers took charge of the jail and tried five men for acts of violence and murders. As each man was tried by the "mob court" and convicted, he was taken out and hanged. Four of the five were killed in this manner, the reports show.

The earliest lynching on record at the historical library was at Holton, Kan., in 1862, when a man was hanged from the limb of a tree. Eden was a Confederate, and he killed a man who had been hurt in a motor car accident. As he came down stairs, he was seized from behind. He tried two or three times with his revolver, but was overpowered and his hands were tied behind his back.

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## PREY TYPIST HOOKS UP BOSS FOR \$200,000

Proves To Be Member of Blackmailing Syndicate.

Makes Rounds of Cafes With Congenial Employer.

PUTS DETECTIVES AFTER HER She Fails to Get the Money and Is Arrested.

Blackmail Files Confiscated; Victims Breath Easier.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—Many prominent Chicago men and women are breathing easier today following the confiscation of a card index case used by the blackmailers, some of whom are supposed to be under arrest here.

"At least twenty names were listed and opposite each was a note of some misconduct which the syndicate hoped to use for extortion," said a detective today. "All those listed were of prominence financially and socially here, but the names will not be given out," he said when the state was young.

Evidence of the syndicate's operations continues to pile up. A wealthy machinery manufacturer is known to have become infatuated with a woman in a cafe. As the romance waned, the woman told him she was ill and suggested he send her to the mountains and give her \$100,000.

"If you do not see the justice of this perhaps your wife will," she wrote him in answer to objections. He had the woman shadowed in New York and Chicago, which she had intended that she had had and absolving him from further payments.

Another woman hired out as a stenographer and after several rounds of cafes demanded \$200,000 but she did not get it when a detective exposed her game.

Continue Blackmail Conference. Washington, Sept. 21.—Conferences of the country club which have been investigating the so-called blackmailing syndicate were continued at the department of justice today.

The department of justice has decided to institute its first campaign of prosecution against the alleged blackmailers of the Regina S. Klipper of Philadelphia, in the federal court in New York city.

The defendants in the case probably will be taken to New York immediately for trial which is expected to begin in a month. The cases of the other alleged blackmailers will be pressed to also be pressed for early trial.

Weather is Ideal Warm Comfortable Days and Cool Refreshing Nights.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau:

7 o'clock ..... 55 11 o'clock ..... 73

8 o'clock ..... 56 12 o'clock ..... 76

9 o'clock ..... 57 1 o'clock ..... 77

10 o'clock ..... 58 2 o'clock ..... 77

Temperatures today averaged 2 degrees below normal. The wind is blowing at the rate of eight miles an hour from the west. The moon rises tomorrow at 7:30 o'clock.

Cool weather returned last night after the mercury reached 91 degrees Wednesday afternoon. The high reached 84 degrees today, 53 degrees, and between that time and 8 o'clock this morning a drop of 38 degrees was recorded. The low today, 53 degrees, is 4 degrees below normal.

Warm weather was general over the state yesterday with a cool night last night and only a few scattered showers. No change in the weather program is due tomorrow except in the southeastern portion of the state, where slightly higher temperatures are expected. The forecast calls for fair weather tonight and Friday.

The mercury here this morning rose (Continued on Page Two)

## ROYALTY BITES DUST

Earl Feversham Falls Leading Royal Rifle Corps in Battle.

London, Sept. 21.—Lieutenant Colonel Earl Feversham, as killed in action on September 15, while leading his battalion, according to the Yorkshire Herald today.

Earl Feversham, who was 37 years old, was the son of a duke and a large land owner, commanded the Twenty-first battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, which he raised. He was a member of parliament from 1906 to 1915, having previously from 1903 to 1905 been assistant private secretary to the king.

He married Lady Marjorie Greville, eldest daughter of the fifth earl of Warwick. He leaves two sons and a daughter.

## ELEVEN HIKERS DESERT

Wearry on Long March, U. S. Soldiers Board Box Car, and Are Arrested.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 21.—Eleven divided men of the Twelfth provisional division, tired of the hike from San Antonio to Austin, deserted the column at Hunter and came to this city on a freight train, arriving last night. They were arrested by recruiting officers here and placed in jail.

During the night one of the soldiers became ill and was removed to a hospital. The others were sent back to Fort Sam Houston today.

Tomorrow morning the first round of the hike will begin, and the real (Continued on Page Two)

## BEAUTY ARRESTED IN BLACKMAIL PLOT DENIES SHE LURED MEN, TOOK MONEY



Mrs. Edward Donahue, arrested in Chicago as alleged blackmailer.

Mrs. Edward Donahue, arrested in Chicago as a member of a gang of blackmailers who have taken many thousands of dollars from wealthy men who have permitted themselves to be found in compromising positions with beautiful members of the gang, denies that she has taken part in the gang's operations. The blackmailers operated in exclusive social circles, and at their coming trial revelations of a most sensational character are expected.

## START GOLF PLAY EXPOSE SCANDAL

Country Club Tournament Begins Today; Many Entrants.

Unusually Low Scores Made in the Qualifying Round.

Altho the course is much more difficult than it was at the state tournament last year, qualifying scores turned in by the players in the fourth annual invitation tournament of the Country club this morning were much better on an average than those made last year and every indication pointed to much better playing thruout the big event.

The low medal score made last year was an 84 by Kitchner, of Lawrence, and at noon today two players had made the 18 holes with smaller totals and one had tied it. Those who played were a bit tricky, appearing to do better than they really were.

Altho quite a few out-of-town players who had entered failed to arrive, every club that had promised to send participants was represented today and Robert Fullerton, who has charge of the tournament, was kept busy all day sending the qualifiers away from the initial tee and recording scores.

Play Starts Early. Jack Crow and Frank Scott were the first players out this morning and they were in the clubhouse an hour and it was soon apparent that there would be no trouble about finishing the qualifying round. Forty-four players had been sent away and twenty had turned in their scores.

Arthur Bonebrake, the local caddy phenom, made the best score of the morning play, getting a 79 after a very disastrous start. Bonebrake, on the initial hole and 43 was the best he could do on the first nine holes, but on the second round he settled down to his real stride and made a 36.

It was the general opinion of the experts in the honor of making the low qualifying score and the Auerbach cup would go to either Bonebrake or Harlow Hurley or E. F. Laska, of Kansas City. Hurley and Laska got a late start and had not finished by noon. Hurley made a 37 on his first nine holes.

Salina Man Low. J. B. Anderson, of Salina, who played around with F. G. Willard, made an 82, which was the best score of the morning. H. B. McGrath, with an 87, was the shining star among the representatives of the Shawnee club, altho W. F. Roby, of the Shawnee club, playing in his first tournament made a remarkable record when he played the last nine holes in a 29. Roby's total score was 86.

The representative of the Fort Leavenworth Field club, all except Capt. A. E. Warfield, who was already here, motor up from Leavenworth and on account of car trouble did not reach the course until late. Several of the Emporia players failed to arrive, and W. R. Pitts was the only representative of the Wichita Country club.

The one source of regret to all the old-timer tournament players was the absence of J. B. Dickey, of Newton, one of the most popular and most enthusiastic golfers in the state who is a regular attendant at all tournaments. Mr. Dickey had made his plans to come to the big Topeka affair, but at the last minute had to send his regrets because of pressing business affairs.

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## HENRY FORD MAY COME TO KANSAS FOR DEMOCRATS

Detroit Automobile Manufacturer Scheduled for Campaign.

Millionaire Offers His Services to President Wilson.

BIG TALENT IS GIVEN KANSAS

Ham Lewis and Vice President Marshall on List.

Champ Clark, Glenn and Other Well Known Men.

Henry Ford, Detroit millionaire automobile manufacturer and candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in Chicago in June, may come to Kansas for the Democrats. That was the announcement today by Hubert Lardner, chairman of the Democratic state committee. It is claimed that Ford has offered his services to the Democrat national committee and may be sent to this state.

Ford's name was presented to the Republican national convention in June. In fact, Ford held a tentative instructed delegation from Michigan. These delegates voted for Ford on the first ballot.

Since the national convention, the peace ship promoter and financier manufacturer, has been to President Wilson. During a recent visit in Chicago, Chairman Lardner was assured that Ford would be in the fight for President Wilson and that he would be sent to Kansas to speak.

National Committee Offer. "The national committee will give us everything they have to offer," said the enthusiastic Democrat state chairman. "We will have every big man working under direction of the national committee and expect to keep things moving until after the election."

As evidence that he will really offer (Continued on Page Two)

## LAST WITH OMAHA

Champs Make Their Final Appearance Here Today.

Only Three More Days of Baseball This Season.

Today's Line-Up. Omaha, Topeka, Thompson, Lathrop, cf. Eagle, cf. Trehan, 2b. Goodwin, 2b. Ford, 1b. DeFate, 3b. Miller, 1b. DeVore, 1b. Krueger, c. O'Leary, p. Kilduff, ss. Monroe, c. Smith, 1b. Lindmore, ss. O'Toole, p. Dasher, p.

The Omaha champions played their final game of the season with the Savages this afternoon at Savage park. Tonight they leave for St. Joe where they wind up the season, having only three more days to play before the final curtain.

Tomorrow the St. Joe Indians come here for the last act. Tomorrow will be ladies' day.

## DR. BIDDLE ON STAND

Court Room Crowded for Testimony in Stevens Murder Trial.

Iola, Sept. 21.—The trial of Ruby Stevens for the murder of Clifford Kistler, who she alleges ruined her life, was resumed today with the court room crowded to capacity.

The state resumed its case this morning by introducing further evidence as to the death of Kistler and the arrest of Miss Stevens. Dr. E. C. Biddle, superintendent of the Topeka State hospital, and an alienist, also will testify.

The state, according to counsel, will charge premeditated murder, while attorneys for the defense announced a defense of emotional insanity based on a groundwork of unwritten law.

## WON'T DISCUSS MOB

Governor Capper to Return to Topeka and Investigate Lynching.

Hutchinson, Kan., Sept. 21.—Governor Capper, here at the State fair today, said he did not care to discuss the lynching of Olathe until he had returned to Topeka this afternoon and make an investigation at once, he said.

"I may have something to say about this after I have investigated," the governor said.

## MOTOR TRAIN OFF BANK

Among Fourteen Injured Was E. K. Klock of Pittsburg, Kan.

Mankato, Minn., Sept. 21.—An investigation was started today by Chicago Great Western and county officials into the wreck late yesterday when a westbound gasoline motor car on the Great Western plunged over a fifteen foot embankment and injured fourteen persons. A spreading rail is blamed. Among those seriously injured was E. K. Klock, Pittsburg, Kan.

## STATE COMPELS ARBITRATION IN TRANSIT STRIKE

Stage All Set for Half Million to Quit Friday.

Mediation Board Simply "Takes Bull by Horns."

DETERMINED TO QUELL RIOTING

Police Frustrated Against Violent Night Attacks.

Enlist 10,000 Women Pickets to Boycott Street Cars.

New York, Sept. 21.—Arbitration of the city transit strike now in its third week, will be enforced by the state board of arbitration and mediation, it was announced here today by M. J. Hogan, a member of the board. Hearings will be held beginning Monday, and both sides will be directed to present testimony.

New York, Sept. 21.—New York's protracted traction strike situation approached a crisis today. The last day which labor leaders have allotted the officials of the traction companies to accept the proposals of Mayor Mitchell for further negotiations was adhered to with increasing violence and with no sign of wavering by either side.

Unless their demands are met, union organizers are prepared to call tomorrow for the greatest walkout in the history of the city—a sympathetic strike of five hundred thousand union workers.

President Shonts of the Interboro announced today that the position of the company "will not be altered under any circumstances." Organizer Fitzgerald declared that "unless the citizen's grievances are adjusted a general strike will certainly be called Friday."

Running Battle With Police. Crowds of strikers and sympathizers are growing more hard to handle as the crisis in the situation draws near. Five hundred strikers and their sympathizers are engaged in a running battle with the police in Central park west last night, in the worst outbreak since the strike began. A police captain was seriously wounded and an aged woman seriously hurt.

The police department today united with the district attorney's office and the magistrate's courts in a determined effort to stamp out rioting. Long term sentences have been threatened and more than a score new face tickets were issued to the demonstrators. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has not come (Continued on Page Two)

## BEWARE OF G. O. P.

Bryan Chivalrously Warns Democrat Women of Party Trickery.

Rock Springs, Wyo., Sept. 21.—William J. Bryan, former secretary of state, started today on his second day's tour of Wyoming in support of President Wilson and the Democratic ticket, with the program calling for a number of speeches.

Mr. Bryan, speaking here last night, appealed for the re-election of President Wilson on the ground that President Wilson had kept the United States out of war with Europe and Mexico. Mr. Bryan declared that the party has been "unscrupulous in its methods concerning votes for women in suffrage states." He warned the Democratic women to beware of "Republican trickery."

## TOPEKA JITNEYS THERE

Five Motor Buses to Hutchinson for Reno Fair.

Hutchinson, Kan., Sept. 21.—Five motor buses, from Topeka, used there as jitney cars, were brought to Hutchinson overland to ply between the Topeka district and the fair grounds this week. The owner's intention was to put them into service for a five cent fare, on a regular schedule on Main street.

When it came to the matter of getting a license they were up against it unless they agreed to charge a 10 cent fare, instead of five cent. The street railway company and the local jitney men put up a complaint against the bus owners, and the Topeka bus owners finally had to agree to the 10 cent charge in order to get a license.

## BATTLE FOR A "TANK"

Crippled Land Drednaught Between German-British Lines.

London, Sept. 21.—One of the new British "tanks" toppled on its side in the Bouleaux wood, northwest of Cambes, has become a prize for British German and British detachments are engaged in spirited fighting.

The Germans are attempting to capture the new monster tank. They are erecting its construction, planning to build "tanks" of their own. The British have repelled every German attempt.

The disabled "tank" lies midway between German and British lines.

Formerly Lived in Wisconsin. Greer, Bay, Sept. 21.—Henry Muller and his wife, for whose murder Bert Dudley was lynched by a masked mob at Olathe, Kan., today, formerly lived at Wayside, Brown county, Wisconsin.

## DOUBLE HEADED PIG HAS NOTHING ON BLUE RACER

Hartford City, Ind., Sept. 21.—Ben Nottingham, living four miles northeast of here, who won renown as exhibitor of the two headed pig at the last fall festival, is now exhibiting a two headed blue racer snake which he recently killed. The heads are located at either end of the reptile.

## FIRE BOARD IF IT DOESN'T DO AS IT IS "TOLD"

Real Row Over Laundry Situation at State House.

Welfare Commission Will Enforce Recommendations.

"PLAYING POLITICS" IS RETORT

Laundry Board Says McBride Is Not Sincere.

Trouble Started Over Minimum Wage and Hours.

There is new war at the state house today. Unless the laundry board adopts the recommendations of the state welfare commission the board will be discharged. Unless the welfare commission approves the recommendations as made by the laundry board, the commission can prepare for trouble and the board members will "talk."

Both sides have refused to budge. Members of the welfare commission and laundry board are seriously in earnest concerning their troubles. Paul McBride, state labor commissioner and chairman of the welfare commission, declares he will discharge the board and the welfare commission unless the board's recommendations are changed. Members of the laundry board charge the welfare commission with playing politics and refuse to back up.

Trouble started when the laundry board refused to report approval of a minimum wage and recommended a maximum hour provision with holes in it. The laundry board says the recommendation meets conditions and demands. McBride is confident the report is a subterfuge and an effort to sidestep. Definite action in the controversy is being delayed because of the sudden sickness of Mrs. Emma Harding, of Kansas City, a member of the board.

Appoint New Board. "The commission cannot approve the report of the board in the form it was submitted," declared McBride today. "The board was sent back with