

"THIS WELL" to appreciate the good days of autumn for the gas bills are coming.

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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Unsettled; probably showers; cooler tonight and Wednesday.

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## BLACKMAILERS' VICTIM BARES SORDID STORY

Accepts "Personal Humiliation" to Save Others. Paid \$15,000 to Save Name of Hysterical Woman. FINDS SHE IS ONE OF GANG Room Entered by Fake Government Detectives. Taken Back to Chicago and Fake Trial Held.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—Announcing that he had concluded to "accept personal humiliation" to save other men and women from being drawn into the blackmailers' trap, Edward R. West, vice president of the C. D. Great Tea and Coffee company of New York and Chicago, admitted today that he is the A. R. Wesley who was surprised in a New York hotel with "Alice Williams" by representatives of the band of "Mann act" blackmailers recently exposed by federal officials. The blackmailers after bringing West and the woman to Chicago talked the man out \$15,000 in return for a promise to keep quiet.

"The woman with me was not Alice Williams, but Buda Godman, a member of the gang," West said. This woman is now sending the one of the preliminary hearing of John T. French, George Irwin and "Doc" Brady on charges of blackmailing West. French, who has used Jack and H. as aliases, is said to be the son of a wealthy St. Louis widow who believed him to be engaged in the haberdashery business.

World Deceive Anyone. "The language and manner of this band would deceive any one," West said. "The woman proposed that we go to New York. On May 9 we reached New York and went to the Ansonia hotel. At an upstairs room, three men arrived. Each had a federal warrant and badge, forced their way into my room. Buda Godman became hysterical. She said she was a consented to be married, but her parents would commit suicide over the disgrace. She asked them what she could do to save herself from disgrace and then the question of money was adroitly broached.

"Before I knew it we were in two motorcars racing back to Chicago. We were kept prisoner three or four days and then because the woman had been crying all the time and appealing to my chivalry to save her, I paid them \$15,000 cash.

"Several days after Irwin, who represented me, returned to Chicago, I went home to vote.

GOES HOME TO VOTE President Makes Quick Trip to Princeton to Cast Ballot.

Princeton, Sept. 26.—President Wilson came to his old home here today to vote in the New Jersey Democratic primaries. He motored over from Shadow Lawn, arriving here at 11:30 o'clock, and remained only long enough to cast his ballot.

"Woodrow Wilson, number 14," said the election clerk in the box. Mr. Wilson voted for Democratic candidates for governor, United States senator, congress and local officers. The president is understood to have favored Attorney General Westcott for senator, over Senator Martine, but he did not make public the vote he voted today.

Mr. Wilson was not expected until this afternoon and surprised the election officials. Leaving Mrs. Wilson in his automobile, the president walked a block to the old fire engine house where he has voted for several years. He shook hands with the officials and with several old friends he met outside.

Long Branch, Sept. 26.—President Wilson left here at 9 o'clock this morning for Princeton, N. J., his former home, to vote in the New Jersey Democratic primaries. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson.

The president expects to return this afternoon to keep an engagement with Samuel Seabury, Democ. nominee for governor of New York, and Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic national committee.

CROWE LEFT MILLION Inventory of Estate Filed in Kansas City Probate Court.

Kansas City, Sept. 26.—Inventory of the estate of the late J. R. Crowe, who was engaged in the coal and mining business, was filed today in probate court today. The personal property, including stocks in Kansas City enterprises, is listed at \$41,023. The real estate included farms and mining properties in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri and Kansas City town property.

J. R. Crowe, Jr., is the executor. It is estimated the total value of Mr. Crowe's estate is one million dollars.

WILSON TO CHICAGO Announce That President Will Make Speech There on October 19.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—President Wilson will speak in Chicago on October 19, it was announced at the Democratic western headquarters here today following receipt of a message from Shadow Lawn, N. J., summer home of the president, by United States Senator Thomas J. Walsh, in charge of the local headquarters.

The president will speak under the auspices of a nonpolitical organization, Senator Walsh said.

## HINSHAW IS HERE

Organizer of Hughes Alliance in Topeka.

Republicans and Moose Will Be Lined Up Soon.

WILL ORGANIZE EVERY COUNTY Prominent Political Leaders Enlisted by Hinshaw.

Henry J. Allen Is President of Kansas Branch.

Organization of a Kansas branch of the National Hughes Alliance was perfected today by David Hinshaw of Emporia, acting under direction of the national organization in New York.

Many prominent Republicans, former Progressives and even Democrats will be enlisted in the Hughes campaign in Kansas. Henry J. Allen of Wichita, Progressive nominee for governor in 1914, is president of the organization in this state.

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## CAUGHT IN TRAP

GERMANS LOSE COMBLES CITY

French and British Entirely Surround Defenders.

Stronghold Was Main Support of Germans' Line.

FRENCH CLOSE IN ON PERONNE

Teutons Foresaw Disaster and Moved Big Guns.

Fearing to Escape Thru Gap, 3,000 Surrender at Combles.

London, Sept. 26.—Combles, key-point of the whole German battle line from Baupanne to Peronne, has been captured by the British after eighteen hours of most furious battling north of the Somme.

General Haig this afternoon announced that British troops entered Combles, overcoming German resistance. The enemy's losses, the official report said, were severe.

The British victory, achieved after three weeks of desperate driving against the German center, is the most striking single achievement of the whole Somme offensive.

It removes one of the last two obstacles to an Anglo-French thrust to squeeze the Germans out of Peronne, one of the two objectives of the great allied advance. The capture of Combles, a narrow town, was the most brilliant allied success, including the capture of Morval and Les Boeufs by the British, and Rancourt and Fregicourt by the French, in summing up the day's successful operations.

General Haig reported 3,000 Germans were captured by the British and that more prisoners are being brought in.

Combles, Germans' Pivot. The work of listing large supplies of war materials also captured has not been completed.

Combles fell after thrusts by both British and French in yesterday's fighting drew a noose about the German position which made their escape almost impossible. For weeks the Germans had used the town with its wonderful system of fortifications as a pivot point but will hold out, hitting the French line and blocking a further allied advance.

The British not only gained this important town, but they also captured in their drive toward Baupanne last night and early today. A strong redbut between Les Boeufs and Guedecourt fell to the British yesterday.

The French also swept forward again last night, carrying Fregicourt village and later repulsing German attacks against positions won yesterday.

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## "THE LAST CARTRIDGE," A DRAMATIC MOMENT IN ALSATIAN RUIN



This picture was granted first prize as the most realistic war photo ever taken at the recent War Photographic Exposition held in Paris. It shows a little group of French soldiers trapped in a ruined Alsatian village and about to use the only remaining cartridge. A wounded soldier is handing his last bullets to a companion and an officer who has been hit is seen dropping his rifle.

## CALL FOR GREEKS MOTHER WATCHES FIFTH SON TO JOIN TROOPS ARE BEST

Ex-Premier Venizelos to Issue Proclamation in Crete. Rumor He Will Lead Revolution Against Constantine.

Athens, Sept. 26.—Ex-Premier Venizelos' sudden departure for the island of Crete held by the revolutionists has created a new crisis in the Greek capital. King Constantine motored to Athens to consult the prime minister as soon as he learned the news.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 26.—Mrs. E. B. Merryman watched the enlistment today of her fifth son to enter the United States army. He is Joseph B. Merryman, nineteen years old. He is the 291st member of Mrs. Merryman's family to serve in the 140 years since the Revolutionary war.

Kansas troops as a whole are the equal of any in the nation, while the First regiment is the best in the service of Uncle Sam on the Mexican border. That was the enthusiastic verdict today of Charles I. Martin, adjutant general, when he returned to Topeka after a review of troops in Austin and San Antonio, Texas.

Adjutant General Returns After Review in South. Kansas troops as a whole are the equal of any in the nation, while the First regiment is the best in the service of Uncle Sam on the Mexican border.

Hot Contest Pending Over Standardizing Check Clearing. Kansas City, Sept. 26.—The annual convention of the American Bankers' association here began its active business meetings today and indications were that one session at least would develop a bitter contest.

Anderson Heads It Commission Man Named President of Co-operative Club. W. O. Anderson was elected president of the Topeka Co-operative club today noon at the regular weekly meeting held at the Throop hotel.

HERE OCTOBER 11 Vice President Marshall to Make Afternoon Speech. Announces Itinerary; Stops at Lawrence and Wichita, Too.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—The itinerary of Vice President Marshall's campaign tour of the middle west, announced at the Democratic national headquarters, includes many cities in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. The speaking dates follow: October 3—Peoria, evening. October 4—Wisconsin: Sheboygan, Manitowish and Green Bay. October 5—Appleton, Oshkosh, Fond du Lac and Milwaukee. October 6—Wisconsin: Oshkosh, afternoon; Muscatine, evening. October 7—Ottumwa, afternoon; Chariton, evening. October 8—Nebraska: Columbus and Fremont, afternoon; Omaha, evening. October 10—Plattsburgh, morning; Nebraska City, afternoon; Auburn, afternoon; Falls City, evening. October 11—Kansas: Lawrence, morning; Topeka, afternoon; Wichita, evening.

W. O. Anderson, elected president of the Topeka Co-operative club today. Anderson succeeds C. A. Moore, who was the first president of the club. William O. Synamon was re-elected secretary, and L. C. Rahn, sergeant-at-arms. Other officers elected were: E. V. Kigg, first vice president; A. D. Birch, second vice president; Dr. C. B. Reed, third vice president. W. R. Falkner, T. B. Brown, W. J. Lewis, G. W. Starn, M. E. Palmer and W. F. Roehr, the board of directors.

Following the election of officers an interesting address was delivered by Dr. C. W. Maggart, pastor of the First Lutheran church. Dr. Maggart came to Topeka recently from Cedar Rapids, Ia.

BIG MAJORITY TO CALDER Whitman Carried Progressives Primary by Five Thousand. Albany, Sept. 26.—William B. Calder's majority over Robert Bacon in Tuesday's contest for the Republican United States senatorial nomination was 9,067, according to official figures made public today.

Washington, Sept. 26.—The American consul general at Havana cabled the state department today that there was no information in Havana regarding a reported discovery of large potash deposits at Matembo, Cuba. "Best information obtainable here," the message said, "indicates reports as to potash deposits discovered not well founded."

FIVE FALL DOWN SHAFT Workmen Drop to Death When Elevator Cable Breaks. Moline, Ill., Sept. 26.—Charles Mason was killed and four other workmen were injured, possibly fatally, when a cable broke and the men plunged four floors down an elevator shaft in the warehouse of the John Deere Wagon company, in this city today.

Russians Fall in Six Attacks. Berlin, Sept. 26, by wireless to Sayville.—Russian troops yesterday made six successive attacks in strong force against the Austro-German positions near Manajov in Galicia, says today's German official statement, but the attacks failed under the heaviest losses for the Russians.

Boys Must Go to War. Berlin, Sept. 26.—The Pest-Naplo, of Budapest, says the Rumanians are compelling men between the ages of 17 and 19 in the occupied portions of Transylvania to serve with the Rumanian army. These recruits, it says, are being sent to Rumania.

## ZEPPELINS QUICK TO AVENGE LOSS

TO MAKE NEW RAID

Twenty-Nine Persons Killed in Last Night's Attack.

Is Second Destructive Visit Within Forty-Eight Hours.

SEVEN DIRIGIBLES DROP BOMBS

Use Smaller Craft; Anti-Aero Guns Miss Them.

Wreck Houses, but Plants Aimed at Not Damaged.

London, Sept. 26.—Twenty-nine persons were killed in last night's Zeppelin raid on England, the second within forty-eight hours. General French, commander of the home forces, reported today. A number of small houses were wrecked or damaged but the raiders were successfully driven away from industrial centers. No damage was done to factories or military establishments.

Seven Zeppelins took part in the raid. The south, east and northeast counties and north midlands were attacked, principally industrial centers in the latter region.

Use Smaller Dirigibles. Anti-aircraft guns played upon the raiders with considerable effectiveness, despite the fact that none brought down the loss of the two Zeppelins in Saturday night's raid did not deter the Germans from risking more ships in coming attacks, but some British aeronautic experts believe smaller dirigibles, instead of the large super-Zeppelins, which offer splendid targets, will visit England on future raids.

Lumber Steamer Sinks When Deck Load Shifted. Three of Crew Reach Shore in Lifeboat.

Oswego, N. Y., Sept. 26.—The steamer Roberval, bound for Oswego, was wrecked on a storm five miles off Oswego early today.

In a battered lifeboat, half filled with water, three sailors, exhausted after an eight-hour fight with wind and waves, arrived at the coast guard station at 2 o'clock this morning.

The lowest temperature here last night was 64 degrees, 1 degree below the minimum of Sunday night. The mercury rose rapidly and was expected to reach yesterday's high mark this afternoon.

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## POLITICAL PLOT TO DEFEAT ME

SAYS ATTORNEY

Behlud Prison Bars McDaniel Directs Campaign.

Special Prosecutor Continues to Oppose Bond.

TO GRAND JURY TOMORROW

Alleged Wife Murderer Scores Enemies Bitterly.

"I'm Innocent and Will Prove It to the World."

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 26.—"They have framed a grand political plot to trap me," declared Prosecuting Attorney Oscar McDaniel, in his cell today as he directed continuance of his campaign for re-election while awaiting hearing tomorrow on the charge of wife murder.

"They are willing to stoop to anything," he explained. "The taking of human life means nothing to the gang which I have been prosecuting and who are now trying to even things. But I am going to beat them for I am innocent and will prove it to the world."

Brilliant to a degree reached by few men, McDaniel has all the courtliness of a typical southern gentleman, his eyes are clear and bright, while his gaze is steadfast and determined. It seemed inconceivable that he was the man charged with the revolting crime.

McDaniel a Brilliant Man. From outward appearance and bearing he is the last man anyone would pick as capable of deliberately beating his wife to death, as charged by the state.

Bar T. Lockwood, special prosecuting attorney appointed by Judge Ryan when a criminal of charge with investigating and prosecute the McDaniel case, says he will oppose the release of McDaniel on bond. He contends the case will not be closed until he is conclusive and therefore the magistrate has no right to accept bail.

Interest now centers in the result of the prosecutive attorney in demanding an early trial in order that the result may be known before the November election so it is likely that the case will at once be docketed in the criminal court, now in session if he is indicted.

To Act as Own Lawyer. St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 26.—Refused bail when arraigned on charge with murdering his wife, County Prosecutor Oscar McDaniel today planned to conduct his own case at his preliminary hearing tomorrow. At the charge of first degree murder is not bailable, McDaniel plans to bring such an array of inferior witnesses that he will be able to go his bond that even the refused release such a showing will have a good effect on public sentiment.

When McDaniel was refused bail he was transferred from the city jail to the county jail, isolated from the other prisoners and confined in the hospital ward, because many of the prisoners in the county jail had been prosecuted by him.

Are Stains on Red, Blood? Until the stains on the metal rod found in the McDaniel home have been analyzed, the state will place little dependence on the alleged death weapon. Special Prosecutor Lockwood doubts today that a verdict could be reached before the prisoner goes before the county for re-election as county prosecutor. But Lockwood promised the state today that he would not be deterred by the charges.

McDaniel went to his arraignment with the air of a man going to try a case. He was in the state jail, with a face that was very pale, and a pair of black gaiters he laughed and joked with the two deputy sheriffs, who accompanied him.

Went to Jail Very Goodbye. Little excitement attended the arraignment of McDaniel today.

VILLA MOVING NORTH Bandit Leader Reported on Way Toward U. S. Expeditionary Force.

Field Headquarters, Mexico, Sept. 26, (via radio to Columbus)—Pancheo Villa and his bandit command are moving today toward the United States expeditionary force, according to reports received today at field headquarters from a source which is described as being very reliable.

Villa is reported to have crossed the Northwestern railroad at San Andres, twenty-five miles southwest of Chihuahua City, where a slight skirmish is said to have occurred between Villistas and Carranza troops.

TO TRIAL OR DEATH? Wife Dead, Wounded Engineer is Charged With Murder.

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 26.—James Doak, Rock Island railroad engineer, was in the hospital today, hovering between death and trial for murder. A coroner's jury late yesterday decided that Doak killed his wife and shot himself in the home Saturday.

Doak, who was shot in a fight between him and his wife, has not uttered a word since the shooting. "I'm innocent and will prove it to the world," he said.

Doak's wife was shot in the chest and died. The police believe the affair a double suicide pact.