

"HAPPY NEW YEAR" is the Jewish greeting over the world today.

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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Fair and colder tonight and Thursday; frost in the northwest to night.

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TOPEKA, KANSAS, WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 27, 1916—TEN PAGES

TWO CENTS

## SEARCH OF TWO STATES FAILED TO FIND WOMAN

### Mystery Surrounds Disappearance of Mrs. Eva Stock.

### Wife of Shawnee County Farmer Drops From Sight.

### HAS BEEN GONE TWO WEEKS

### Drove to Topeka to Shop and Took a U. P. Train.

### Liberal Reward Offered for Trace of Farmer's Wife.

Mystery in the disappearance of Mrs. Eva Stock, wife of Joseph Stock, a prominent north Shawnee county farmer living five miles north of this city on Rochester road, grew deeper today when a two weeks' search in two states, Kansas and Missouri, proved without results. The search was made by her husband and that of the sheriff's office here. Mrs. Stock disappeared from home on the morning of August 14.

She left her home on Rochester



Mrs. Eva Stock, whose mysterious disappearance is unsolved after a two weeks' search.

road about a o'clock on that morning to come to Topeka on a shopping trip. Since that hour relatives have not seen her. The horse and buggy in which she came to the city, was found that afternoon in front of the J. C. Snedler mercantile store in North Topeka. Investigation reveals the fact that she had left North Topeka at 10 o'clock that morning over the Union Pacific. It is known she left the train at Junction City but after that her whereabouts have been swallowed in mystery.

No Reason for Leaving. No cause for her leaving home can be given by her husband except she has suffered in the past from mental troubles. She has, in the last eight years, taken treatment in the state hospital and has been treated twice in private sanitariums.

When she left home two weeks ago, so far as her husband knows she had \$14 in money but friends and relatives admit she might have had more. Diamonds which she wore were valued at between \$200 and \$300. No evidence that she sold or pawned the gems has been found.

Mrs. Stock's former home is in Marysville, Mo., where she has considerable real estate and other property, including land worth \$40,000. A search in that vicinity yielded no results.

Husband Offers Reward. When Mrs. Stock disappeared she wore a tan suit and a black hat with a black plume. Her hair is brown, sprinkled with gray, and her eyes are dark brown. She is five feet and six inches tall and weighs 145 pounds. She wore a plain gold watch and necklace, a pair of diamond earrings and a plain gold wedding ring. She carried an alligator skin handbag. She is 46 years old, but looks younger.

The theory that Mrs. Stock met with accident or foul play, while they admit it is possible, is given but little credence by the sheriff's force. They believe her mental troubles were responsible for her act.

Information leading to her whereabouts, according to Mr. Stock, will be liberally rewarded.

Fall Plowing in Oklahoma. Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 27.—Heavy showers of the past two weeks which have fallen in practically every section of the state have resulted in the beginning of fall plowing and preparation of winter wheat land, according to President Frank Mault of the state board of agriculture. Dry weather delayed the plowing and sowing of the best Oklahoma's wheat land but it is believed the crop will be almost normal. A detailed report on this subject will be issued shortly by the department.

Infantile Paralysis Death in Okla. Tulsa, Sept. 27.—Infantile paralysis took its first victim in Oklahoma today when Fred Pattie, 13 years old, died here after an illness of three days.

French Flier Falls 3 Enemy Craft in a Day. Paris, Sept. 2.—Lieutenant Nungesser, French flier, brought down two German planes on the Somme front yesterday and also shot down a "spy" balloon. Nungesser now has destroyed seventeen enemy aeroplanes.

## WOMAN SHOTS TWO AND KILLS SELF IN HOTEL

### Well Known New York Man Nemesis Victim.

### Woman Companion, Not His Wife, Is Dying.

### JEALOUSY BACK OF TRAGEDY

### Couple Motored From N. Y. to Philadelphia.

### Amity in Hospital Refuses to Tell Her Name.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 27.—Death wrote this across a story of the mad infatuation of a woman for a man who loved another when Mrs. Harry Belzer, 15 Euclid avenue, Brooklyn, shot to death J. C. Gravier, New York garage president, probably mortally wounded a woman who posed as his wife, and then committed suicide in a room in the Hotel Walton here early today.

The mystery that had surrounded the tragedy was partially cleared shortly before noon when Mrs. Frances Apman, sister of the dead man, and Howard Fancey, his partner, arrived here and correctly identified the bodies. The slayer went under the alias of Mrs. J. C. Ladur and gave her address as 16 West 120th street, New York.

The identity of the "other woman" now believed to be dying in Jefferson hospital, however, remains a mystery. Mrs. Apman and Fancey denied that she was Gravier's wife.

Gravier Widower Two Years. His real wife died two years ago, they said, and detectives are directing their efforts toward finding who the dying woman is. It is believed she comes of a wealthy New York family and, like Mrs. Belzer, was infatuated with Gravier.

Magistrate Persch with two policemen are waiting at her bedside in hopes of getting some statement before her lips are forever sealed. Once she did she regain consciousness. Then she was informed of her condition and asked to make an ante-mortem statement. A wan smile flitted across her mouth an instant, she sighed and said:

"Please please go away. I am so tired. Don't bother me, and I lapsed into unconsciousness.

Followed Him Everywhere. Mrs. Apman and Fancey, Mrs. Belzer had followed Gravier. She was infatuated with him and repeatedly she spurned her. Finally she became desperate and followed him every place he went. Mrs. Belzer was handsomely gowned and seems to be always well supplied with money. She arrived in Philadelphia Monday. She visited all of the larger hotels, telling clerks she was in search of her husband.

Gravier and his companion did not register until yesterday at the Walton. Last night Mrs. Belzer had no trouble in going to their room. A matron saw her waiting in the hall, and asked her what she wanted.

"I am waiting for my husband," she replied.

Others in other rooms heard no words. Only the opening of a door, four sharp reports and then a woman's scream.

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## BLAMES U. S. SOLDIERS

### Funston Finds Americans Started Sation Shooting at El Valle, Mexico.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Major General Funston's official version of the sighting of the American soldiers and Carranzistas at El Valle, Friday, blames the American soldiers, of whom one was killed and another slightly wounded, for the trouble. Funston's report reached the war department today.

A report on the fight between American and Mexican soldiers in a station in El Valle, near the American expeditionary base, last Friday, was made to the war department today by brigadier General Pershing with the comment that the Carranzistas regarded but incident merely a drunken brawl. He did not give the name of the American trooper who was killed. The reporter who met with accident or foul play, while they admit it is possible, is given but little credence by the sheriff's force. They believe her mental troubles were responsible for her act.

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TOPEKA TO CHINA. C. W. Lyman Will Take Charge of Seymour Plant at Shanghai.

C. W. Lyman, superintendent of the Seymour Packing Co.'s immense plant in Topeka, will leave this city October 7, for Shanghai, China, where he will have charge of the newly completed branch of the Topeka firm, the Amos-Bird company, packers of eggs.

Lyman will remain in Shanghai probably three years in connection with the operation of the packing establishment. For twenty years Lyman has been with the Seymour company in Topeka. Previous to his work here he was with other packing concerns in other parts of the state. He, with Mrs. Lyman and their son, will sail from Seattle, October 14, on the Japanese liner, "Yokohama Maru."

## STRIKE VOLU ME SUBSIDS IN DAY OF BIG WALKOUT

### Labor Leaders' Estimate Drops From 750,000 to 125,000.

### General Tieup of N. Y. Industries Set for Today.

### ADD 100,000 STRIKERS A DAY

### Union Chiefs Expect to Add Daily to Strikers.

### Apathy Conspicuous; Longshoremen Won't Quit Now.

New York, Sept. 27.—Union workers to the number of 125,000 went on strike today in sympathy with the striking traction employees, according to figures given out at a meeting of representatives of labor unions. There was little evidence that a strike was in progress.

These were the figures reported to the meeting by the union delegates, according to Ernest Bohm, state organizer of the American Federation of Labor. The trades which have responded to the strike call, he said, are the United Garment Workers, shirt-building trades unions, the paper hangers unions, painters, house wreckers and a number of small organizations. Bohm estimated that 250,000 more would go out tomorrow.

Jewish Holidays at Hand. New York, Sept. 27.—This is the day when union labor chiefs for a general suspension of work in all branches of trade in New York and Westchester county to aid the striking workers. Finally the Jewish holidays are expected to be observed, and it is predicted that upwards of 750,000 trade unionists would stop work, but today the leaders estimated that about 100,000 more women would respond to their call.

Attempts to estimate the number of strikers were complicated by the fact that thousands of Jewish workers will remain idle over Thursday and Friday in celebration of the beginning of the Jewish New Year. Of the 100,000 expected by the leaders to strike, 40,000 are members affiliated with the United Hebrew trades who stop work each year at this time for the Jewish holidays.

Those Who Voted to Strike. Among the organizations which have voted to strike today, according to the labor leaders, are: Ladies' garment workers, 9,000; clothing workers, 40,000; painters and decorators, 15,000; furriers, 15,000; linemiths, 10,000; stationary firemen, 2,500; paper box makers, 7,000; milliners, 6,000; jewelry workers, 3,000; brewery workers, 2,000.

The leaders asserted that in addition to those to quit work today they would be called to call out 100,000 more daily for the next two or three days. At the last moment it became known that T. V. O'Connor, national president of the longshoremen's union, had decided not to call out the 400 members of that organization today.

Harbor Unions Postpone Walkout. Many of the unions have deferred action until tomorrow or the first of next week, while officials of a few locals were declaring definitely for the strike.

The longshoremen who were expected to give the greatest support to the striking carmen, have decided not to strike. They are sympathetic to the strikers, but the union officials, the coopers and the steam which engineers also postponed action, so the strike will be a sympathetic strike.

President O'Connor of the longshoremen's union, who less than a week ago declared: "You can bet that there'll be a sympathetic strike," left for Washington, stating that he had not ordered a strike for today and refusing to comment further.

Mayor Mitchell and Governor Whitman are not taking any definite action today regarding the strike, so far as known. The mayor called into conference Hugh Frayne, organizer of the strikers, and asked him what he expected to have happen. Frayne replied that they expected 200,000 men to go out as a starter.

## REBELS HOLD DURANGO

### Reported General Gomez, Carranza Leader, Was Expected.

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 27.—Mexican rebels announcing themselves as "Legation of the Republic" and holding an important town of Durango, capital of the state of that name since Friday, according to reports received at Juarez today.

Two former Villista leaders led about a thousand men in the attack on the town and captured it after a brief fight, according to these reports. Less than fifty men were killed. The Carranza garrison of 1,000, commanded by General Gomez, was captured and executed, according to the reports.

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## HARRIS FUNERAL TODAY

### Every Printshop in Topeka Closed for Ninety Minutes.

Every printshop in Topeka closed from 11:30 to 1 o'clock today during the funeral of Edward P. Harris, the oldest printer in Kansas, who died Monday morning. Services for Mr. Harris were held at 12 o'clock at Grace cathedral. Eighth and Taylor streets, and the Topeka Typographical union and a notice urging all members to attend.

Following the services here, which were to be conducted by the Rev. George W. Geise, pastor of Grace cathedral, the body was taken to Leocompton. Short services will be held at the church there on Tuesday. Burial will take place in Maple Grove cemetery.

## SOME STAG PARTY THIS

### 5,000 Men to Make Epicurean Test at Steward's Club Fete.

Pittsburg, Sept. 27.—The Steward's club celebrate today with a Rhode Island clam bake at Keystone park, following the election of Frank A. Knapp, of this city, as president of the International Steward's association and selection of this city for the 1917 convention.

On the bill of fare today were 4,500 lobsters, 4,500 chickens, 4,500 sea bass, 4,500 crabs, 15,000 ears of corn, 30,000 potatoes and many extras. About 5,000 men were to participate in the celebration and no women. William F. Hammel, chief executive of the Pittsburg club, was in charge.

## WHEN UNCLE SAM'S GUNNERS ARE RIGHT EVERY SHOT GOES STRAIGHT TO MARK



How four shots from Pennsylvania hit center of target at 3,000 yards and gunners who turned the trick. The recent target practice of the Atlantic fleet demonstrated that Uncle Sam's gunners are still on a par with any in the world. This photo shows the bulseye of one of the targets after the Pennsylvania, the newest American dreadnought, had finished firing fourteen-inch shells.

## BACK TO MEXICO PILE UP 2 TRAINS

### Ambassador to U. S. Suddenly Smashed Into It.

### Bandits Wreck One, Other Smashes Into It.

### First Chief Is Displeased With Conference Delay.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador designate now on his way to Mexico City, is expected by personal conference to give General Carranza a clearer understanding of the American view of difficulties between the two countries and the departure of officials hope he may be able to convince the first chief of the necessity of consenting to full consideration of all issues by the joint commission.

Mr. Arredondo left Washington yesterday afternoon after calling on Secretary Lansing, counselor of state, and Assistant Secretary Phillips. He explained to these officials that General Carranza had requested his presence in Mexico City.

Secretary Lansing said he had no direct knowledge of the purpose of Mr. Arredondo's trip, but indicated that he expected him back in Washington within two or three weeks. The ambassador's wife and children have remained in Washington. General Carranza has shown plainly, recently, that he is not in accord with the American idea of the work undertaken by the Mexican-American commission at New London. Officials here have been advised by his notice to governors of Mexican states that the commissioners would discuss nothing beyond the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico.

Mexican Commissioners Surprised. New London, Sept. 27.—The Mexican representation on the joint commission is expected to be in a basis for an agreement between this country and Mexico and border control, professed surprise today that the departure of Ambassador-designate Arredondo for Mexico was attributed in some quarters to failure of the commission to agree. According to their information Mr. Arredondo's visit to Mexico will be brief and it is not due to the conference of the commissioners.

When the commissioners met today the consideration of the different plans suggested for a better control of the border was continued.

## RELEASE TWO BRITONS

### Army Officers, Held at Ellis Island Pending Investigation.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Release of Major Arthur S. Humphries and Lieut. Hugh Levick, Jr., the British army officers detained at Ellis Island on their arrival from England, was ordered today by Commissioner General Caminetti of the immigration bureau.

Evidence taken yesterday by a special board of inquiry showed that Humphries is en route to Canada on leave, while Levick is on his way to England. The two officers are traveling entirely as individuals.

Mr. Caminetti explained that the detention of the officers was only a neutrally precautionary step and that there was no intention on the part of the government to interfere with the movements of European officers or men coming to America as individuals and not engaged in active service as members of a belligerent army.

Secretary Lansing said the only restriction imposed by the state department upon passage of British soldiers thru the United States to Canada applied to a proposed movement about a year ago of a large number of soldiers. The department objected and the troops were diverted direct thru Canada.

## KILLS GIRL WITH BOTTLE

### Boy Threw Bottle Across Cotton Field and Struck Sister.

Denton, Tex., Sept. 27.—Furney Sebastian, 16, found an empty bottle while he was picking cotton in a field near here late yesterday. Boy-like, Furney imagined he was a grenadier in the European trenches. He threw the "grenade" at an "enemy" trench several yards away—another row of cotton.

Furney's 13 year old sister, Fay, rose in the "trench" just as he threw. He cried out at her but she only turned in his direction. The bottle struck her in the forehead. She died half an hour later.

## CABINET QUILTS AGAIN, GREECE READY TO JOIN

### New Crisis Will Compel King to Declare War.

### All Old Greece Garrisons Have Joined Insurgents.

### NAVY ALSO DESERTS CROWN

### Cruiser Lonchi Slips Away to Aid Rebel Cause.

### Government Upset by Venizelos' Departure for Crete.

London, Sept. 27.—A wireless dispatch from Rome this afternoon reported that the Greek cabinet has decided to resign and that the king will issue a proclamation immediately afterward. This report, though unconfirmed, was accepted as further indication that Greece may be preparing for an early declaration of war.

Army Deserts King. London, Sept. 27.—Wholesale defections from the Greek army were reported in Athens dispatches today, hinting that a declaration of war may be expected at any time.

Practically every garrison in old Greece has joined the revolutionary movement, said the Athens dispatch and the soldiers are leaving for Saloniki, a large number of naval officers have left Piraeus and the Greek cruiser Lonchi, reported to be under control of the revolutionists, slipped out of the harbor bound for either Crete or Saloniki.

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Athens said the cabinet conferred at length on the situation created by ex-Premier Venizelos's departure for Crete and that rumors spread that the cabinet will resign.

## MUST CARRY N. Y.

### Democrat Candidate Gets Wilson's Promise of Help.

### Omaha Submits Elaborate Plans for Wilson Visit.

Long Branch, Sept. 27.—Samuel Seabury, Democratic candidate for governor of New York, who came to Shadow Lawn last night, held an early morning conference with President Wilson today and then left for New York. He said he expected victory to result from the active campaign which will be waged.

President Wilson promised Judge Seabury his active co-operation in the New York campaign. It is probable that at a conference to be held late today between the president and Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic national committee, definite plans will be made for Mr. Wilson to speak in New York. It was agreed between the president and Mr. Wilson that the national campaign organizations will co-operate with the state Democratic forces.

Means of combating the effects of the coming state tour plans of the president were discussed at the visit of the president to Omaha, Neb., October 5 has been submitted to the executive office here. The program which has not been completed by the president includes a parade in addition to a speech.

## ENDS OHIO TOUR

### Governor Hughes Moves on Smoky City Today.

### G. O. P. Standard Bearer Badly in Need of Rest.

Akron, Ohio, Sept. 27.—Nomininee Hughes finished his tour of Ohio today, a tour of throat and tired of body. He was yanked out of his bed shortly after 7 o'clock to make a rear end of the train speech here. He was due for a more extended address at Canton and then rest until noon, when he was due to arrive at Pittsburg.

With his stops here and at Canton, concluding his Ohio stump campaign, it was estimated today that the Republican nominee has been seen by about 75,000 Ohioans and has spoken to probably 50,000. Despite the fact that he was almost tired out and his voice nearly gone from his three days' tour in Indiana, the candidate "pulled" more speeches and touched on more subjects in the Buckeye state than he has in any previous three days of campaigning. For the most part his critical analysis of the Democratic administration was directed at the Adamson eight-hour bill and the Mexican policy, but he embellished his attacks with a heavier logic than he has developed in some time.

First Speech in Pennsylvania. This afternoon Hughes was to make his first address in Pennsylvania since becoming a presidential candidate. He was due to speak at least twice in the Smoky City. Leaving the Keystone state tonight after this one brief appearance, Hughes was due tomorrow at Trenton and Jersey City for brief addresses, swinging northward into New York state on the day following.

Hughes will have at least a week's rest in New York City after he returns from his present trip on October 1. Complete relaxation will be necessary if the candidate is to finish his stump tour. It may be that he will go down on Long Island in order to obtain complete seclusion.

Mrs. Hughes is concerned over her husband's ability to withstand many more of the sort of campaign trips he is now finishing—particularly now that his throat may go back on him. Moreover, the governor, in his moments of relaxation today, looked tired out. Once on a platform with several thousand cheering people in front of him, he is able to throw off that weariness and appear revived and full of energy.

## IT WILL BE COLDER

### Effect of Rain Will Be Felt in State Tonight.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau. 7 o'clock ..... 62.11 o'clock ..... 71 8 o'clock ..... 62.11 o'clock ..... 72 9 o'clock ..... 63.11 o'clock ..... 72 10 o'clock ..... 70.2 o'clock ..... 74

Temperatures above the normal. The wind is blowing at the rate of twelve miles an hour from the northwest. Temperatures tonight will be below 50 degrees, but the weather observer says there is no danger of frost in this part of the state.

Rain totaling .28 of an inch fell here last night and the sky was partly cloudy this morning. The precipitation in the western part of the city was .45 of an inch but the weather bureau gauge showed a lighter fall in the central section. A few showers fell in the northeastern part of the state. Kansas City, Mo., reported both report more than one inch. Temperatures here did not fall so much as was expected, but low readings prevailed in the western part of the state. Goodland reported a minimum of 46 degrees last night.

Forecast calls for fair and colder weather tonight and Thursday. The (Continued on Page Two.)

## CONVERSES WHILE SURGEONS PROBE HIS BRAIN TISSUE

### Chicago, Sept. 27.—With part of his skull removed and while surgeons were examining his brain tissues for the removal of a mastoid abscess, W. B. Morton yesterday smiled and talked with the surgeons during the operation at the St. Mary's of Nazareth hospital here. The operation was performed under a local anesthesia. Today the patient was said to be getting along nicely.

## BASEBALL TODAY

### National League.

Score: Pittsburgh ..... 4 0 0 Boston ..... 1 0 0

Batteries: Cooper and W. Wagner; Tyler and Blackburn, Gowdy.

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

Minneapolis at Milwaukee game postponed, rain.

## MOST DECISIVE BLOW SINCE THE MARNE BATTLE

### Peronne and Bapaume Within Fortnight, Say Allies.

### 3,000 Germans Prisoners in a Day on Somme Front.

### THIEPVAL COLLAPSE SURPRISE

### Quick Victories Hasten Cleanup on Western Front.

### Caught in Corner, Germans Die Operating Guns.

London, Sept. 27.—The most successful blow struck by Anglo-French troops since the battle of the Marne brought the capture of Peronne and Bapaume appreciably nearer. It is today, English military critics said today, that both these towns, the immediate objectives of the great allied offensive will fall within a fortnight. The apparent ease with which German resistance collapsed at Thiepval yesterday, following the capture of Combes, surprised military observers here and led them to predict quick victory for the British and French in the drives on Peronne and Bapaume.

A large number of German prisoners has been brought in all along the Somme front as the result of yesterday's successful operations. At Combes, group after group of Germans was cut off and cornered between British and French detachments closing in upon the village. Others fought desperately from underground caverns until they were silenced by bombing parties.

## FIGHTING FLEET OF WHOLE WAR.

The final dash against Combes developed into some of the most savage fighting of the whole war. The Germans caught in the southwestern angle of the village stuck to their machine guns bravely and died at their posts. The French, advancing thru the cemetery on the northeast, were repeatedly counter-attacked by Teuton detachments that stormed their lines in the face of certain death.

A few Germans who escaped, retreating to the east, were being called back a distance of more than two miles.

Details of the capture of Thiepval are lacking. The Thiepval position, fortified perhaps more strongly than any village on the Somme line, was held by the advance of the British right wing since the opening day of the allied offensive. It tumbled in under one sudden smash that sent the Germans rolling back upon Grandcourt.

## TAKE 3,000 PRISONERS.

London, Sept. 27.—Between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners were taken by the British in Tuesday's fighting on the Somme front, according to a delayed report of General Haig's report of Wednesday night which was given out today.

## FRENCH VICTORY SOUTH OF SOMME.

Paris, Sept. 27.—Rolled back by the British on Tuesday, the German line of Peronne and Bapaume made no attempt to recapture positions taken by the French north of Combes. Last night, it was officially announced, the first of the French spent the night organizing their new positions.

South of the Somme, a brilliant attack enabled the French to carry a strongly defended wood, forming a salient east of Vermandovillers.

## DEFEAT WILSON MAN

### Wescott, Who Twice Nominated President, Beaten in N. J. Primary.

Trenton, Sept. 27.—Senator James D. Martine won the Democratic nomination for United States senator by a safe majority over John W. Wescott in the New Jersey primaries, according to the vote canvassed this morning. Wescott is the state attorney general and is best known as the man who twice nominated President Wilson.

For the Republican gubernatorial nomination Wescott, who is a native of City was far in the lead of his two opponents. H. Otto Witten of Jersey City, who was opposed for the Democratic nomination for governor, received 11,000 votes.

## EDGE GETS G. O. P. CHOICE.

Slowness of the count is laid by election officials to the keen interest displayed in the local contests. The inspectors of election are tired of counting the votes of the principal candidates first, left them to the last.