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WEATHER FORECAST FOR KANSAS: Partly cloudy and colder in the east, with a hard freeze tonight; Friday, fair; warmer in the west.

HOME EDITION

TOPEKA, KANSAS, THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 19, 1916—TEN PAGES

TWO CENTS

SNOW AND SLEET, FIRST IN SEASON FALLS IN KANSAS

Cold Rain Also Adds to the Discomforts Today.

First Real Spell of Wintry Fall Hits the State.

HARD FREEZE IS ON TONIGHT

Topeka Will Survive Her First Touch of Year.

Five Inches of Snow Falls in Colorado Today.

The coldest weather in more than six months, with temperatures only a few degrees above freezing and a cold rain and snow driven by a fresh north-west wind, greeted Topeka today. Reports from other sections of Kansas tell of snow and sleet and temperatures as low as twenty degrees in several places. Temperatures were many degrees below normal, and there is little chance for warmer weather in the next few days, although the rain will be over before night.

The forecast calls for partly cloudy and colder weather in the eastern part of the state with a hard freeze tonight, Friday fair. Temperatures will begin climbing in the western part of the state Friday, but the kind of the kind is scheduled for this section. The temperature tonight will be between 25 and 30 degrees, said Mr. Flora this morning.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau: 7 o'clock 41 11 o'clock 32 2 o'clock 26 4 o'clock 26 6 o'clock 26 8 o'clock 26 10 o'clock 26 12 o'clock 26

The temperature at 2 o'clock this afternoon was 22 degrees below normal, and is 32 degrees below normal. A temperature of 32 degrees this afternoon makes this the earliest cold wave according to S. D. Flora, local weather observer.

The wind is blowing at the rate of thirty miles an hour from the northwest. The total fall of rain, snow and sleet was forty-hundredths of an inch. This is the earliest cold wave in the history of this city, and snow has fallen here.

Reports to the local office of the weather bureau indicate that the storm covered the entire state. Tomorrow will be a bright, cold day, said Mr. Flora today.

From 67 degrees at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the mercury dropped rapidly, and by 9:30 o'clock this morning had reached 26 degrees. This is a fall of 32 degrees in 20 hours. It was considered probable this morning that the mercury would reach the freezing mark (32 degrees) and certain that the temperature would not go above 40 degrees. The normal for the afternoon is 43 degrees.

The rain started at 7:30 o'clock this morning. Some sleet fell at 8:30 o'clock, and at 9 o'clock a flurry of snow was mixed with the sleet and rain. This is one of the earliest dates on record here for sleet. A fall of from 10 to 15 inches of snow is reported from Wyoming, and Colorado, and temperatures were below freezing yesterday in Wyoming.

The highest temperature for this date is 81 degrees, established in 1894. The low record, 27 degrees, occurred in 1891. The moon tonight rises at 12:20 o'clock, and the clouds will prevent any moonlight.

From Over State. Forces of old General Winter came out of the trenches today and swept east over Kansas. The first snow and road snows here today reported the first snow in Kansas. The fall was general over western Kansas and the storm was rapid and heavy.

Early this morning the Santa Fe reported snow falling on its lines as far east as Edinburg, with a cold, drizzling rain between Edinburg and that place. Reports received in the general offices here are to the effect that there is five inches of snow in Colorado.

The Block Island reported snow falling in Herrington, Belleville and on west in Herrington. The snow was completely covered with a white sheet at 8 o'clock this morning. Snow was reported in Fort Riley and White City. The Kansas City report is as heavy as that in Colorado but an increase is promised as the Colorado snow reaches here.

The reports show the storm in general over the western part of the state, with rain preceding in its path. The snow in western Kansas began falling at some point early in the afternoon, and in many places it melted almost as fast as it fell but in other places the temperature was sufficiently low to let it remain on the ground in a white, unbroken sheet.

Two Inches in Belleville. The Santa Fe also reported snow on its Strong City branch between Alford and Superior, Neb., the latter town being the northern terminal of the branch. The report of snow at Great Bend and Dodge City.

The Union Pacific reported an inch of snow between Junction City and Ellis, inclusive. The report is according to the Union Pacific reports, amounted to two inches.

Snow and Sleet at Hutchinson. Hutchinson, Oct. 19.—Snow, sleet and rain have been falling in this part of the state since a short time during the forenoon, and continuing through the forenoon.

Snow Flurries at Wichita. Wichita, Kan., Oct. 19.—Sleet and occasional flakes of snow, the first of the season, are falling here this morning. The temperature is 26 degrees above zero.

Rain Turns to Snow. Atchison, Kan., Oct. 19.—First snow of the season fell here today following a steady rain throughout the morning. Snow here was light and melted as it fell, but more snow fell further west in northern Kansas.

AILING CONTRACT

Kansas Court Hands Down Gas Case Decision.

Invalidates Old Rates With Distributing Companies.

HEARING ON IN K. C., TOO

Gas Company Resumes Effort to Enjoin Public.

Will Appeal to U. S. Court on Independence Decision.

Independence, Kan., Oct. 19.—All supply contracts between the Kansas Natural Gas company and its distributing companies in Kansas cities with the exception of Leavenworth were declared invalid in an opinion handed down by Judge T. J. Flannely in the district court here today. The contracts are held to be "improvident, wasteful and destructive of the estate of the receiver and in violation of public policy."

The receiver for the company is forbidden from making any new contracts. The receiver for the company is forbidden from making any new contracts. The receiver for the company is forbidden from making any new contracts.

The opinion was given on questions that came up last Monday, although the decision relating to the discharge of the receiver and the adoption of a reorganization plan, which also came up Monday, were reserved for further consideration.

The contract opinion which is in line with previous ones by state and federal courts, is operative, of course, only in Kansas but the receiver is instructed to make similar rulings from the federal court for Missouri and Oklahoma points, "to the end that the public may be served and the property preserved."

None of the contracts declared invalid have been adopted by the federal court, and the company has been operating under a temporary agreement.

Resume K. C. Hearing. Kansas City, Oct. 19.—Gas company in hearing before Judge Wilbur Booth today resumed its attempt to enjoin the public utilities commission of Missouri and Kansas and various state and county officials from interfering with the company's plan for increasing gas rates.

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SHOCK KILLS 30

Soldiers in Blockhouse Dead as They Slept.

Concussion of Big Shell Makes Fort a Death Chamber.

With the French Armies Encircling Chateau, Oct. 19.—The most frightful trick played by gunfire since the great battle of the Somme began resulted in the death of 30 German majors, captains and lieutenants in a blockhouse garrisoning a steel reinforced blockhouse in Boven woods.

They were killed outright by the shock of one of the great French 400-millimeter shells, which struck nearby but in no way damaged their fort.

This German blockhouse consisted of eight heavy machine guns and a machine gun tower. So strongly was it built that it resisted, with comparative little damage, a terrific French bombardment while its machine guns kept rattling fire.

Find Dead Unwounded. Finally French infantry were ordered to take it by storming attack. They went forward with a rush after a brief bombardment, swarmed about the blockhouse, surprised by the German fire of resistance and forced their way in.

Inside they found the entire German garrison dead, unwounded and apparently only sleeping. The shock of the nearby explosion had been transmitted to the interior of the fort. It had been multiplied a thousand fold by the statements that "the Church of England, the parent of the Protestant Episcopal church, was founded by Henry VIII."

The house of deputies voted to increase the number of bishops from seven bishops, seven clergymen and seven laymen.

The report, submitted by the commission recommended an amendment to the church constitution providing that the house of bishops may elect negro bishops under the supervision of negro bishops, while the minority held that such a division "is both unchristian and uncanonical."

It urged that the interests of the negroes can best be served by the retention of the present provision of the constitution permitting the election of negro suffragan bishops to assist the white diocesan heads.

The house of deputies concurred in adopting the minority report.

T. R. THRU KAN. TODAY ON TOUR TO NEW MEXICO

Colonel Looks Forward to Seeing Short Grass Plains.

To Revive Days When He "Roughed It" on Plains.

HECKLERS RILE ROOSEVELT

Shout "Wilson" Until Colonel Gets Warm Under Collar.

Picturesque Mountain Folk Flock to Shake With Teddy.

Aboard Roosevelt Train, St. Louis, Oct. 19.—With the Kentucky mountain district and its eventful day behind him, Colonel Roosevelt is speeding across Missouri and Kansas today, to the scenes of his "short grass" range riding days.

While the colonel ostensibly is out to make votes for Republican Candidate Hughes, he doesn't intend to spend all his time playing politics while in Arizona and New Mexico, where he speaks Saturday and Monday. He is looking forward to meeting some of his old plains pals. And if the colonel keeps all the dates with gun-fighting cowboys who knew him in the old ranch days who have wired him to be sure and visit them, this trip won't end when it's expected to.

There are two men, however, who have wired Roosevelt they will meet him either at Phoenix or Albuquerque. One is Seth Bullock, who used to sit on the porch of the Roosevelt ranch with a pair of loaded Colts in his hands, "to keep the audience attentive." The other is Jim Davis, whose left ear "was bit off by a gentleman in an argument."

Hecklers Disrupt Meeting. Roosevelt admittedly is glad to get out west. It has been four years since he did any western traveling. Then, too, his trip yesterday was not all a primrose pathway. Besides the wreck-

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GIANT LINER SINKS

Bad Weather Necessitates Lengthening of Bargains.

Big Cunarder Hits Mine in English Channel.

Passengers Already Landed; Part of Crew Lost.

New York, Oct. 19.—The Cunard line steamer Albatross struck a mine early today in the English channel and sank, the Cunard office announced here this afternoon. There were no passengers aboard, but many have been landed. A majority of the crew were saved.

The cablegram to the New York Cunard office follows: "Albatross struck mine in the English channel this morning and sunk during the forenoon. Denison and majority of the crew saved. Some missing. The liner left New York for Falmouth and London with two hundred passengers aboard. Officers and crew have all her passengers had been landed at Falmouth and she was proceeding on her way to London when she struck the mine. The cablegram received here stated that Captain H. M. Denison and a majority of the crew were saved. The Albatross was armed for defense against submarines, but she carried no war munitions.

The Albatross displaced 13,405 tons. She was 529 feet long. She was built in 1913.

Sailed From N. Y. October 7. New York, Oct. 19.—The Albatross sailed from this port October 7 with passengers but the Cunard line officials believe that they were all landed at Falmouth according to the usual custom.

Captain Denison and some of the crew were saved, according to the cable message, but some are missing.

TEMP T WASHBURN

Kansas City Offers 160 Acres Ground and Buildings.

R. A. Long Would Have Topeka's Big College, 'Tis Said.

That R. A. Long, Kansas City millionaire philanthropist, has offered Washburn college of Topeka, 160 acres of beautiful ground and hundreds of thousands for new buildings, if the state will give him a college site, it is reported here today.

It is said that the only requirement will be that Washburn become a college identified with the Christian church.

The Kansas City Star last night stated that a move was on to move Washburn with her 850 students from Topeka to Kansas City. Since the college has been conducting a movement to raise \$60,000 in Topeka to take care of the endowment fund, this report has become prevalent in this city.

START HOME TUESDAY

Second Kansas Infantry to Entrain at Camp Wilson October 24.

San Antonio, Oct. 19.—The First Mississippi infantry reached here today and took station at Camp Wilson. It replaces the Second Kansas infantry, which is scheduled to start for home Tuesday, October 24.

DUKE OF BRUNSWICK, SON-IN-LAW OF KAISER, WAR'S MOST PATHETIC FIGURE



The Duke of Brunswick and his duchess. The Duke of Brunswick, the kaiser's son-in-law, one of the most brilliant leaders in the early days of the war, has not been mentioned in war dispatches for some while. While on the eastern front the forces he commanded were lost in a treacherous march and the incident unseated the duke's reason. He has lost his mind and requires constant attendance.

ADD ONE MORE DAY BOIL THEM DOWN

Saturday Will Be Part of Suburban Week.

Bad Weather Necessitates Lengthening of Bargains.

St. Louis, Oct. 19.—The report of the joint commission on the revision of commandments which recommends the shortening of six of the Ten Commandments is yet to come before the deputies of the triennial Protestant Episcopal church conference for consideration.

In its present position on the calendar of the house it is likely to come up for debate today or in the various establishments slightly. But the sleet, rain and snow did not stop a great many shoppers who were drawn by the attractively decorated and display windows.

As it was Wednesday, Kansas avenue in shop windows, today. Bad weather cut down the attendance of shoppers in the various establishments slightly. But the sleet, rain and snow did not stop a great many shoppers who were drawn by the attractively decorated and display windows.

The cabinet secretary for the Commercial club, announced today that the rebate books would close at 6 o'clock Saturday night. During the day of the week the merchants are refunding railroad fare to shoppers, regardless of conveyance used in getting here. However, the rebate cannot exceed 2 cents a mile for the distance traveled or 5 per cent of the purchase made by the shopper.

HITS EAST COAST

Storm Warnings Posted Along Atlantic Seaboard.

Center of Disturbance Moves North to Indiana.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The tropical storm which passed inland yesterday from the Gulf of Mexico had moved northward to Indiana, with decided intensity today. Weather bureau reports indicated that it probably would move rapidly northeastward, and again would increase in force.

Storm warnings have been ordered on the Atlantic coast from Cape Hatteras to Eastport, Maine. In the wake of the storm, south and west winds, shifting tonight to west and southwest, rain and snow are predicted for the upper lake region and general rains in New England and the middle Atlantic states. The battleship Nebraska returning from Vera Cruz, Mexico, in Hampton Roads and Boston reported to the navy department today it had passed thru the West Indian hurricane, but was undamaged. Commander Frank R. McCrary in charge of the naval astro station Pensacola, Fla., telegraphed that the hurricane had caused slight damage to buildings, dirigible sheds and aeroplanes. His message, dated yesterday afternoon, said the disturbances struck the station at 9 a. m., raised the water two feet over the sea wall, but it subsided about 10 o'clock, when the wind shifted to the southwest and the waters fell to almost normal. He said no further damage was anticipated.

Blizzard, Snow, Sleet, Rain. Omaha, Oct. 19.—A rain and sleet storm which lasted most of the night turned to snow here early this morning. The snow and blizzard extended practically over all of South Dakota, Nebraska and western Iowa. From Norfolk, Neb., four inches of snow was reported, together with a high northern wind. At Sioux Falls, S. D., the temperature was reported as slightly below the freezing point. The western portion of Iowa also felt the grip of the snow storm. Sioux City is covered with two inches of snow.

TO TRY UNION CHIEF

Charge Miners' President Got \$1,000 to Help Political Campaign.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 19.—By an overwhelming majority the members of the United Mine Workers of Illinois have voted to call a special convention to try President Frank Farrington on charges that he accepted \$1,000 from Frank Smith of Dwight to be a miller with the movement of the vessel. The Bremen is now one month overdue.

ADMIT BREMEN LOST

Teuton Diplomats Agree U-Boat Lined Is Gone—Month Overdue.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Loss of the German submarine merchant Bremen virtually was conceded today by ranking Teuton diplomats in position to be familiar with the movements of the vessel. The Bremen is now one month overdue.

126 SHIPS SENT TO BOTTOM BY ONE SUBMARINE

U-35 Is Star U-Boat of Kaiser Wilhelm's Navy.

Has Total of 270,000 Tons Shipping to Its Credit.

COMMANDER GIVEN AWARD

Fought 17 Sea Battles and Has Cannons as Trophies.

One of Biggest Prizes Was French Liner La Provence.

Berlin, Oct. 19.—The Order of Pour le Merite has been awarded Lieutenant Commander Arnaud de La Perriere, commander of the submarine U-35, for his achievements in sinking 126 vessels, totalling 270,000 tons. Among the vessels destroyed by the U-35, were one French and one English mail cruiser.

While assigned to the Mediterranean Commander Perriere sank a number of food transports, munition supply ships and eleven armed merchantmen. He is credited with fighting seventeen battles and in one voyage destroyed 11,000 tons of shipping and brought home four cannons as prizes. The U-35 visited Cartagena, Spain, last June.

The U-35 arrived in Cartagena June 21. It was later officially announced that the submarine carried an autograph letter from Emperor William to King Alfonso of Spain and medical supplies for interned Germans. News dispatches from Spain said that Commander de La Perriere had stated while in that country that he sank fifty ships, including the French liner La Provence.

Destroy Ships of Two Neutrals. London, Oct. 19.—The sinking by a German submarine without previous examination of the Norwegian steamship Sten, is reported by Reuters Copenhagen correspondent. The six-member crew were landed at Christiansand.

The Swedish bark Greta Vrem was set free by a German submarine. Eighteen men on the bark were landed at Friedrichshafen.

IN FINE SHAPE

Wasson's Report Shows City Finances in Good Condition.

Will Close Year With Good Balance in Treasury.

Despite unusually heavy expenditures, the report of the city's financial condition for the third quarter, ending September 30, of this year, shows the city in an excellent condition. Prospects that the city will finish the year with several thousand dollars left in its coffers, after paying all bills, are good. In fact, it is almost certain. The report was finished and sent to the State Journal for official publication by W. H. Wasson, finance commissioner, late Wednesday afternoon.

The report shows the total cash in all funds, general and special, on July 1, the beginning of the quarter, was \$12,261.37. During the quarter the city received from the county treasurer taxes amounting to \$174,460. From sale of bonds and similar sources the city received \$28,353.33, making a total of \$697,747.72 upon which the city could draw during the quarter.

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This was caused by the fact that several large bills which accumulated during other quarters came due and were paid. Bridges and paving and similar improvements formed a large item in the increase.

The report shows the treasury totaled large, the treasury in excellent shape. "We expect to finish the year several leaps ahead of the hounds."

JOKE ON ELEPHANTS

After Draining Locomotive's Water Tank They Had to Push Engine.

Galveston, Tex., Oct. 19.—The circus train stalled by water tank. The engineer and fireman were vociferously mingling mutual accusations with profanity. Then they saw a long, snake object wriggle over the rear of the tender and dart down into the empty tank. The object proved to be an elephant's trunk.

Following this very tangible clue they discovered that three elephants, who were occupying the car in the rear of the train, had been drinking out of the tank and utilized the entire contents in elephantine shower baths.

As a punishment for this infraction of railroad etiquette the elephants were compelled by a Hindu mahout named O'Reilly to push the locomotive three miles to the nearest source of water supply.

STATE GETS CONTINUANCE UNTIL MONDAY

Over Defendant's Protest.

St. Joe, Mo., Oct. 19.—Judge Ryan today granted a continuance in the case of Oscar D. McDaniel, prosecuting attorney of this county, who is under indictment on a charge of murdering his wife, until next Monday.

The continuance was granted in order to give two local attorneys, R. E. Carr and L. A. Vories, who volunteered to assist Bart M. Lockwood, special prosecuting attorney, time to acquaint themselves with the case and under indictment on a charge of murdering his wife, until next Monday.

The North Pacific was bound from Cetr and said it picked up the signal while off the New England coast last Saturday. The vessel's report was made to British authorities.

TWINS DEMOCRATS—NAMES ARE WILSON AND WOODROW

New York, Oct. 19.—M. D. Abernethy, the Glasgow (N. C.) Gazette, has notified the Democratic national committee of the birth there last Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Burns of twin boys, Woodrow, weight 8 1/2 pounds, and Wilson, weight 7 1/2 pounds.

Superintendent Bierbower and their combined weights make 16, which indicates victory next month for Woodrow Wilson," says Mr. Abernethy.

ENTOMBS MINERS

200 Men in Death Trap After "Damp" Explosion.

Fate Unknown Until Rescuers Penetrate Debris.

Fairmont, W. Va., Oct. 18.—More than 200 miners employed by the Jamison company at Barrackville, three miles from here were entombed early this afternoon by an explosion of damp.

Accurate figures on the probable death list are not available but early reports said it would run high. The explosion occurred at 1 o'clock in mine No. 7. The mine is a shaft and until rescue parties can penetrate the workings, the loss of life will not be known.

300 Feet Underground. Officials expressed the belief that all who would be killed as the explosion seemed to have been from coal dust and of great violence. The shaft is 300 feet deep.

Superintendent Bierbower gathered a party of volunteers together and entered the shaft in the hope of finding some of the men alive, but at 2 o'clock no word had been received from him.

R. H. Jamison of Pittsburg, general manager of the company, was in Fairmont when the explosion occurred and at once went to the mine to take charge of the rescue work.

ROBBERS ESCAPE

Kill Kansas Express Messenger Who Showed Fight.

Probably Got Nothing—Rumor \$10,000 Loot Unconfirmed.

Bliss, Okla., Oct. 19.—Ranchmen from several counties, reinforced by numerous deputy sheriffs, waited today for a sign from the ravine where it was believed the six men who last night robbed Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe express train No. 465 and then fled in automobiles, had taken refuge.

Preparations for a siege had been made but it was hoped that the robbers would make a dash and precipitate a fight in which the sure-shooting sources of the range would confer none of the outlaws would escape. Whether or not the robbers are supplied with stolen funds to assist in their escape about their whereabouts, rescuers will not be known until contents of the express and mail cars ransacked by them have been checked officially.

Shoot Messenger Dead. Perry Norman, express messenger, was killed by the robbers when he showed signs of fight. The express was demolished by an over-zealous shot. The contents of the express were destroyed. Rumors said the bandits obtained a loot of \$10,000, but this was based on conjecture.

Railroad men and sheriffs of long experience in this territory said the robbers were not the same as those who were known, and except for bungling work in opening the express safe, probably would have been ascribed to the robbery, flagging the train at a desolate spot north of Bliss on the 161 rafter.

Train Carried No Money. Arkansas City, Kan., Oct. 19.—Perry Norman, of Kansas City, mail clerk on Southbound Santa Fe train No. 405, (Continued on Page Two.)

MEET FIRST ENEMY

Guards "Retreat" Before Rough Old Boreas at Fort Riley Camp.

Fort Riley, Kan., Oct. 19.—The weather was "Top" for the great American fleet," said one newspaper circulated by the royalists. "It brings relief in the midst of our torments. America resents the sorrows of the Greek people and doubtless will proclaim her reproof in a voice that will resound across the sea."

The crowd that visited the American legation to present an appeal for these reports were ill through the news spread quickly through Athens.

Land More Marines. Athens, Oct. 18.—A further detachment of French marines was landed this morning. The commander demanded the use of the parliament and university building as barracks.

The cabinet met today and it is reported drafted a protest to the allies. (Continued on Page Two.)

U-53 SUNK OFF U. S.

Discredit Wild Rumor Brought in by British Steamship.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Reports that a German submarine, presumably the U-53, has been sunk off Nantucket were generally discredited by navy officials in a morning report, unconfirmed by British embassy officials.

No naval station along the Atlantic coast picked up the alleged wireless message. A report from the British coast picked up the signal while off the New England coast last Saturday. The vessel's report was made to British authorities.

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