

## "BUDA" LURED BIG TEA MAN; PAID \$15,000

Edward R. West, of Chicago, Tells How Blackmail Gang "Netted" Him.

## SHE'S PRETTY AND VIVACIOUS

Met Her in Cafe, and Trip to New York Followed—Then He Paid.

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—Edward R. West, vice president of the C. D. Grogan Tea and Coffee Company, with offices here and in New York, is the "A. R. Wesley" who was victimized for \$15,000 by the national syndicate of blackmailers. It was definitely learned today.

West's personal attorney, Egbert Robertson, and Hinton C. Clabaugh, Federal investigator here, both admitted West was "Wesley."

Robertson said West voluntarily told his story of being lured to New York by Buda Goodman, that others might be warned and the guilty punished.

West was trapped by Buda Goodman, whom he met in a cafe here several months ago, he said today. They saw each other frequently for several weeks, and then she induced him to take her to New York with him on a business trip, he stated.

Negotiations continued three or four days while the two were held at a hotel here, supposedly as prisoners of the Federal Government. Finally the woman's pleas that she be not exposed won West, and he paid the \$15,000, and later \$2,000, were released on the first payment.

The men who posed as Federal agents are supposed to be George Irwin, John T. French, and "Doc" Brady, alias James Christian. French was arrested in connection with the Klipper kidnaping several days ago.

Buda Goodman, who is said to be the former wife of a song writer, is being questioned by Federal agents today.

West is a wealthy widower who lives in Highland Park, an exclusive suburb of Chicago. He is vice president of one of the largest tea and coffee importing houses in the Middle West.

Miss Goodman is said to be an associate of Mrs. Helen Evers, who has figured prominently in the kidnaping and blackmailing case. West says he supposed she was a wealthy woman of independent means.

West told today how the plotters carefully laid each detail of the fake street even to having one of their members pose as United States Commissioner Foot. The "hearing" was held in the private rooms of "Commissioner Foot."

Miss Goodman is a small brunette. She is exceedingly pretty and vivacious. Federal officials say she is well known in Chicago cafe life.

"I have concluded to sacrifice my personal business in this case for the sake of others," said West.

Badger Chief Is Ready To Take "Vacation"

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 26.—With a "public be damned" interview, "Dandy Bill" Butler, alleged brains of the international blackmailers, left for New York today in care of several Secret Service men to face trial on the charge of blackmailing Mrs. Regina Klipper, the woman who was kidnaped to prevent her from testifying in Chicago.

Butler waived a hearing before United States Commissioner Long late yesterday and was taken before Judge Dickinson, in the United States District Court, today for a warrant of removal.

Berlin Proud of Zeppelin Heroes

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 26.—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, in regretting the loss of the Zeppelin crew killed in Saturday's raid on England, expresses pride in the Zeppelin sailors' achievement.

Col. Mason to Direct Walter Reed Hospital

Col. Charles F. Mason, Medical Corps, who has been on sanitary duty in Panama, has been detailed as commanding officer of Walter Reed General Hospital.

## Zinkhan Makes Strong Plea for New Hospital For the Indigent Sick

Superintendent Calls Conditions At Washington Asylum "Deplorable and Pitiful."

## INSTITUTION TOO CROWDED

Present Buildings Also Lacking in Modern Apparatus for Treatment of Cases.

Characterizing as "deplorable and pitiful" conditions at the Washington Asylum Hospital, recently described in a series of articles in The Times, L. F. Zinkhan, superintendent of the institution, in his annual report to the Board of Charities for the year ended June 30, again urges that adequate provision be made for the indigent sick of the District.

The appropriation in the Commissioners' estimates for a new municipal hospital was not made at the last session of Congress. This was due, in part, it was understood, to protests made by residents of the northwest section against the location of the institution on a site owned by the District at Fourteenth and U Street. Superintendent Zinkhan urges if there are to be further delays in acquiring a new hospital that immediate efforts be made for obtaining a psychopathic ward in the old institution.

## Outlines Alcoholics' Treatment.

"In the same ward we treated six cases of acute alcoholism and thirty-nine cases of morphinism," he says in his report. "It is all wrong to treat this variety of cases in the same ward. Alcoholics should be treated in an inebriate asylum; most of them on an indefinite sentence in the workhouse, where, in addition to adequate treatment they could be given some kind of work, which is so essential in bringing about a physical restoration. A strict enforcement of the pharmacy law will gradually reduce the number of victims of the drug habit."

"If there are to be further delays in securing a new hospital, our efforts should be concentrated on getting an immediate appropriation for a psychopathic ward."

Recommendation is made by Superintendent Zinkhan that the compensation of three graduate nurses be increased from \$400 to \$500 a year; that the appropriation of \$2,000 for wages of pupil nurses be increased to \$4,000; that \$7,500 be provided for a hospital kitchen, and \$2,000 for kitchen equipment, and that the appropriation for maintenance be increased from \$45,000 to \$50,000.

Kitchen Too Small.

"The hospital kitchen," he said, "was designed to prepare food for about 100 patients and employes, but often had to provide for from three to four times this number. With no proper or adequate facilities for the classification of the different units it has been found necessary to care for mental, alcoholic, and dope cases in the same wards; medical surgical cases in others, and

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## Wilson, Unknown To Crowds, Votes

President Among First to Cast His Ballot in Jersey Primitives.

By ROBERT J. BENDER.

PRINCETON, N. J., Sept. 26.—President Wilson cast his ballot in the Democratic primaries here today unrecognized by the crowds gathered about the polls, and greeted by scarcely a dozen acquaintances.

The President was one of the first to reach the polls, only thirteen having preceded him in the fire house voting booth, immediately after voting he left for Shadow Lawn in his automobile.

On the way to Princeton, the President's party traveled over historic roads, leading through scenes of the revolutionary war, particularly the battlefields which became famous before and after the British defeat at Trenton.

Along the road, placards have been posted, telling of the battles, and the President had the chauffeur drive slowly as he read them to Mrs. Wilson.

Smallest Will Is Filed Here Today

Last Testament of Government Clerk Is Postcard Size.

The smallest document ever filed in the office of the Register of Wills was recorded today when the will of Thomas Bradford Sanders, a Government clerk, written on stationery no larger than an ordinary postcard, was entered for probate.

Mr. Sanders wrote the diminutive will November 30, 1914, leaving his entire estate to his sister, Addie Sanders, who also is named executrix. He died September 19.

## DAIRYMEN BEGIN COOPERATION PROBE

Producers' Committee Will Look Into Joint Efforts of Farmers of Country.

Searching investigation of the cooperative work of farmers throughout the country was started today under the direction of the executive committee of the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers' Association as the first step in the campaign they contemplate following for a municipal dairy and co-operative distribution service in Washington.

The executive committee is meeting this afternoon in the office of its chairman, Judson C. Welliver, to consider the first steps in the campaign. The resources of the milk producers have been carefully ascertained by the members of the committee with a view to organizing a substantial and businesslike office from

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## HEBREW CLERKS MAY GET LEAVE

Those in Government Service Can Get Off for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

All members of the Hebrew faith employed in Government departments who can be spared will be given leave of absence for the two holy days, Rosh Hashanah, the new year, which begins at sundown tomorrow, and Yom Kippur, the day of atonement. It is stipulated that this time shall be taken from the annual leave of the clerks excused.

Arrangements for granting leave to Hebrew clerks were made by Rabbi Maurice Abramson, who took the matter up by word with the President and members of the Cabinet.

## TRAPPED IN SUBWAY BY RUSH OF WATER

Passengers Fight Way to Elevators When Big Main Bursts.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—Vibration of heavy traffic opposite Grand Central terminal loosened caulking and caused the bursting of a twenty-inch water main at Forty-second street and Park avenue today, sending a miniature Niagara into the Steinway tube.

Motorists held their cars at the station, power was shut off from the third rail, and passengers fought their way up by-crowded elevators as the water poured into the tube. The flood, coming from above, drenched occupants of the elevators as they ascended.

Before the water gates were found and the rush of water stopped, the tube was flooded to a depth of two feet.

## VACCINATE NOW, WOODWARD URGES

Immediate vaccination of children who are entering school this year for the first time is urged by Health Officer W. C. Woodward.

Vaccination against smallpox is required by law of all pupils attending the public schools of the District.

Parents are advised to have their family physician vaccinate such children now so that the required certificate of protection against smallpox can be obtained by the time the school opens," says the Health Officer.

"If a child is vaccinated now it will be possible for the physician to determine within a week whether the vaccination has taken, and to re-vaccinate if necessary."

In cases in which parents are too poor to pay for such services, children will be vaccinated by the physicians to the poor provided by the District and in some cases public dispensaries will vaccinate free.

## FRICITION OVER VILLA REPORT GROWS ACUTE

Gen. Bell's Advice Are Disputed By Secretary of State Lansing.

OFFICER STANDS BY GUNS

Gen. Scott and Others Believe Bandit Was at the Chihuahua Attack.

The conflict between the military and civilian heads of the army over Villa's participation in the Chihuahua attack reached the proportions of a real issue today when Secretary of State Lansing sided with Secretary Baker in discrediting General Bell's now famous Villa report.

"Confidential advices have been received by the State Department," Mr. Lansing said, "that seem to bear out the statement of Mr. Arredondo that Villa was not at Chihuahua; that no arms or ammunition were taken away, and that there were no desertions from the Carranza force."

Secretary Lansing said his information came through official sources, but he declined to explain further.

At the same time Ambassador-designate Arredondo gave out a statement denying Villa had a part in the affair at Chihuahua Hidalgo today, which was based on reports received from Mexico City, Chihuahua, and the border.

Further Confirms Report.

Coincident with the statements made in Washington discrediting reports of Villa's presence in the flesh at Chihuahua, there was a report from San Antonio that General Bell had transmitted to General Funston further information confirming the accuracy of his statements concerning Villa.

General Bell advised General Funston he had obtained from Carranza officers taking part in the Chihuahua battle information confirming his report of Villa's participation in the Hidalgo day attack. These officers have made their way to El Paso since the fight.

General Bell stands by his guns. General Funston has been quoted as

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## STEEL DOWN 6 1/4 FROM HIGH RECORD

Bear Movement Sends Common Down From 120, Yesterday's Mark, to 113 3/4.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—The bears had their inning today with U. S. Steel common, which led the great two-million share bull market yesterday and established a high record at \$120 a share.

Profit-taking by speculators who rode the market upward for two weeks, and a short selling by others who believe the crack must come soon, sent Steel down to 113 3/4, off 6 1/4, from the record, during the seventh consecutive million-share day of the present market today.

The bull movement swung forward in a different quarter during a morning, in which \$41,000 shares were traded.

Marine common advanced 4 points to 47 1/2. Crucible jumped 4 to 94 1/2, and Colgate and Iron sold at 57 1/2, an advance of 3 points.

## Gerard May Delay Visit to America

Last-Minute Change in Plans Is Expected Following Conferences.

By CARL W. ACKERMAN.

BERLIN, Sept. 26.—Ambassador Gerard, who was to leave for Copenhagen today to take passage for the United States, may change his plans at the last moment.

Several members of the German ministry called at the embassy last night. Their visits followed a call by Foreign Secretary von Jagow in the forenoon, and Gerard's conference with Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg on Saturday.

The ambassador refused to discuss these visits, but it was learned at the embassy that he may even change his plans after reaching Copenhagen today and return to Berlin.

Mrs. Gerard, who has entirely recovered from the shock she suffered in an automobile accident yesterday, will accompany her husband. Gerard told reporters that he certainly expects to return to Berlin, even though he should decide to go to the United States.

Railroad Is Enjoined From Using Shed Site

Justice McCoy today signed an order permanently enjoining the East Washington Heights Railroad Company from using or maintaining a car shed at Minnesota and Pennsylvania avenues southeast. The court order directed the defendant to remove within ten days the building now at the corner. The action was brought against the railroad company by the District Commissioner, who alleges that the building was occupying public property.

## BRITISH NUT CRACKER CRUSHES COMBLES IN ADVANCE ON BAPAUME



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Haig's Men Take Pivotal Point in German Defense by Storm After Day of Repeated Victories—1,500 Prisoners Captured in Fortress

## FRENCH CAPTURE OTHER VILLAGES

Germans Used Captured Fortress for Weeks As Base of Their Defense of Somme Line From Bapaume to Peronne.

By ED. L. KEEN.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Combles, keypoint of the whole German battle line from Bapaume 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.

Fighting was still going on in some places in the streets of Comble when General Haig's report was filed.

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.

CLIMAX OF DAY OF VICTORIES.

The capture of Combles followed a day and night of most brilliant allied successes, including the capture of the villages of Morval and Les Boeuifs by the British, and Ran-court and Fregicourt by the French. In summing up the day's successful operations, General Haig reported that 1,500 Germans were captured by the British and that more prisoners are being brought in. The work of listing large supplies of war material 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 garrison which made their escape almost impossible.

For weeks the Germans had used the town, with its wonderful system of fortifications, as a pivot point from which to swing attacks north and south at the allies' lines. In the last month of fighting, the British and French lines pressed steadily forward on both sides, until the town was in a deep pocket. It was no longer available for the Germans as a pivotal point, but it still held out; buttressing the German line and blocking a further allied advance.

DRIVE NEARER TO BAPAUME.

The British not only gained this important victory, but pressed forward in their drive toward Bapaume last night and early today. A strong redoubt between Les Boeuifs and Guerdecourt fell before a British attack.

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

## Berlin Admits Losses Along Somme Front

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville), Sept. 26.—The loss of villages to the allied forces under one of the most terrific attacks of the whole Somme offensive, was officially admitted this afternoon.

"The allied infantry, after a four-day artillery duel, launched a uniform attack between the Ancre and the Somme," the war office stated. "The fighting commenced at noon and went on last night with the same fury."

"Between the Ancre and Eaucourt-l'Abbaye the hostile thrust was stifled in our fire or broke down with bloody losses before our lines. The successes obtained by the enemy east of Eaucourt-l'Abbaye, and the conquest of vil-

Two Men Sentenced on For Carrying Weapons

Sentences of sixty and thirty days in jail were given today by Judge Aukam to men charged with carrying concealed weapons. Walter Spriggs, arrested Saturday with a razor in his possession, was given sixty days. Frank Craig was penalized thirty days for carrying a concealed revolver. A 300-day sentence was imposed on Craig for assaulting Fannie Hawkins.