

VETERAN KANSAS PRINTER IS DEAD

Edward P. Harris Had Much to Do With the Early History of the State.

KNEW MANY PROMINENT MEN

Mr. Harris Had Personally Met Every Governor of Kansas—Came to the State in 1856.

Topeka.—Edward P. Harris, 82 years old, veteran Kansas printer, died here recently, following an illness of two weeks. He underwent an operation September 8, the third within a year, and failed rapidly until his death, which was caused by kidney trouble. He is survived by a son, Dwight T. Harris, and a daughter, Mrs. Fred T. Hill, both of Topeka.

Mr. Harris was one of a company which started from Worcester, Mass., for Kansas in June, 1856. As the proslavery agitation was very high at that time, the party had great difficulty in entering the state. Shortly after his arrival the Herald of Freedom, a Free State paper published in Lawrence, was revived. This paper had been destroyed in the May preceding by a party of "borer riflemen." Mr. Harris assisted in the re-establishment of this paper and since that time was employed by many papers within the state.

When the call for a convention to form the Republican party was issued in 1859, Mr. Harris ran off the pink half sheet dodgers that called the convention. The meeting was at Osawatimie, May 19, 1859.

Nearly two years later—January 29, 1861—when the news was flashed across the few telegraph wires west of the Mississippi River that Kansas had been admitted to the Union, Mr. Harris set the type containing the announcement and then worked the paper off on an old style hand press. The paper was the Lawrence Tribune, of which T. Dwight Thatcher was manager.

In addition to his duties as a printer, Mr. Harris found time to act as "conductor" on the famous "underground railroad," by which many slaves escaped in the turbulent days of Kansas's early existence.

In 1873 Mr. Harris became foreman of the state printing office, a position he held until 1891.

C. W. Kouss Will Filed. The will of the late C. W. Kouss, general manager of the Eastern Lines of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, filed for probate here recently, showed \$40,000 in personal property and \$25,000 in real estate. All was left to his family.

No Parole for Flack. John A. Flack, wrecker of the Abilene State Bank and indirectly the cause of three deaths in Abilene, will not be released from the Kansas penitentiary for a while yet. Governor Capper refused a parole to Flack the other day.

David Hildebrand, 73 years old, and Santa Fe roadmaster twenty-five years, died at Ottawa the other night. He was a veteran of the Civil War.

Sues to Oust Bridge Company. An ouster suit has been brought in the Kansas Supreme Court by the attorney general against the Midwest Construction Company. This company is charged with working its men more than eight hours a day in building a bridge in Wyandotte county without paying them overtime. Under the Kansas law, all employees on public works are to be paid on the 8-hour basis.

To Inquire Into Gas Rate. The Kansas public utilities commission will start the war on the increase in gas rates October 24. The commission has made an order directing the Kansas Natural Gas Company and all the distributing companies to appear in Topeka on that date.

Taft to Speak in Topeka. Topeka is to have two political stars of the first magnitude next month. Vice President Marshall will speak to the Democrats on October 13. The following night former President Taft will address a Republican meeting.

Kansas Has More Timber. Kansas timber lands increased more than 20 per cent last year, according to the annual report of O. F. Whitney, secretary of the state horticultural society. Exclusive of fruit trees and shade trees on city streets, Whitney reports 480,099 acres of trees in Kansas in 1914. By the end of 1915 there were 571,860 acres of timber to be exact. These included wild timber land, walnut, locust, cottonwood, catalpa, and other varieties. Catalpa trees appear to be coming "crop" in the state.

Mandamus Hearing Is Set. The two mandamus proceedings filed against the Kansas Natural Gas Company receiver and the Olathe Gas Company have been set for hearing by the state supreme court on October 10.

A Life to Every 243,419 Tons. Every run of 243,419 tons of coal mined in Kansas in the last six months of 1915 cost a human life, according to the annual report of the state mine inspector, filed with Governor Capper recently.

FILE GAS MANDAMUS SUITS

State Utilities Commission Begins Proceedings Against the Receiver for Kansas Natural.

Topeka.—Two mandamus actions against the receiver of the Kansas Natural Gas Company have been filed in the state supreme court by H. O. Caster, attorney for the Kansas public utilities commission.

In one the commission asks that the receiver be compelled to comply with the utilities act and file all its rates and contracts for the sale of boiler, or industrial gas, as well as the rates charged domestic consumers. The receiver, it is reported, is selling boiler gas in Montgomery county at 5 and 6 cents a thousand cubic feet, while asking the consumers in Topeka to pay 50 cents a thousand for gas for domestic purposes.

The second mandamus asked is to require the receiver of the Kansas Natural and the Olathe Gas Company to live up to the terms of the contract made in 1908, which provided that the local company act as the agent of the Kansas Natural in the sale of gas. Instead the Olathe company and the Kansas Natural have made a new contract within the last few weeks, by which the local company pays the Kansas Natural 18 cents a thousand cubic feet at the gates of the city, and is thereby allowed to charge such rates as it pleases to the consumers.

Asserting in his petition that the state receivership of the Kansas Natural had developed into a private trust, S. M. Brewster, attorney general, filed a motion in the federal district court, asking the federal court to take entire control of the Kansas Natural and relieve the state receiver, John M. Landon, and the Montgomery county district court from all connection with the receivership. Brewster also asks that the property be sold at an early date at a public sale and the receivership wound up.

TO BEGIN SURVEY OF RIVERS

Conference at Topeka Decides to Start First Work Along the Kaw Valley Watershed.

Topeka.—Colonel Charles D. Townsend, army engineer stationed at St. Louis, arrived in Topeka the other day to start working on flood prevention plans for the Kaw valley and its tributaries. His first visit was to hold a conference with T. J. Strickler, engineer for the Kansas Public Utilities Commission and chairman of the engineering committee of the Kansas Flood Prevention Congress. They will arrange for a survey of the Kaw valley to determine what is needed to perfect a system of flood control that will cut down the tremendous flood losses that have become of almost annual occurrence.

A. A. Robinson of Topeka, who built the Santa Fe; a consulting engineer from the Union Pacific, Colonel Townsend and Mr. Strickler will make a survey later this fall. The report of this survey is expected to be ready when the next legislature meets, so that it may take action toward holding up the state's end of the deal. A recent report from the engineering committee of the state organization pointed out that the curbing of the flood waters will cost money and that both state and federal money may be needed.

Dr. Eva Harding to Run. Dr. Eva Harding, known in Kansas as the "fighting woman," filed her petitions as an independent candidate for Congress in the first Kansas district.

Carroll Back as Sheriff. E. G. Carroll, sheriff of Johnson county, automatically suspended when a mob took Bert Dudley from his custody, has been reinstated by Governor Capper.

Suspend Olathe Sheriff. E. G. Carroll, sheriff of Johnson county, has been suspended from office because he allowed a mob to take Bert Dudley from his custody and lynch the prisoner. The suspension was automatic. P. L. Lathrop, coroner, succeeds to his place as soon as the proclamation of the governor can be issued. Carroll may petition the governor and show extenuating circumstances in the mob attack as a cause for his reinstatement and the governor may reinstate him after hearing the evidence. Governor Capper was in Hutchinson when notified of the lynching.

"Kansas Has Best Regiment." Charles I. Martin, adjutant general, who has just returned from a trip to Austin and San Antonio, Tex., is elated over the showing that has been made by the Kansas boys on the border. He says the 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 along the Mexican boundary.

Insanity Increase in Kansas. Insanity in Kansas has increased more than 108 per cent in seventeen years, while the population of the state has increased slightly more than 17 per cent in the same period. That is a statement made recently by Harry C. Bowman, member of the state board of control, and is based on official figures. Decided increases in the birth rate among mentally deficient and a big decrease in the birth rate in normal families is given by Bowman as an explanation of the startling showing.

Kansas City Men Injured. In a motor accident at Newman, twelve miles west of here, James J. O'Hare, and Raymond J. Patterson, both of Kansas City, were injured so badly they had to be brought to a hospital here. Both will recover.

Suggests New Game Laws. In a letter to the sportsmen of Kansas State Game Warden Tegmeier suggests that the next legislature give him four deputies to assist in the enforcement of the state fish and game laws.

A Real "Home Run" for Cobb. Augusta, Ga., Sept. 30.—A son was born here last night to Mr. and Mrs. Tyrus R. Cobb. Mr. and Mrs. Cobb now have three children.

Famous Civil War Engineer Dead. Findlay, O., Sept. 30.—William J. Knight, 78 years old, who was a member of the famous Andrews raiders party which stole a Confederate locomotive in Georgia in the Civil War and made a historic dash north several hundred miles, is dead at his home in Stryker.

Robbed Canadian Bank of \$9,000. Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Sept. 29.—Four robbers last night entered Caron, eighteen miles west of here, cut all telegraph and telephone wires into the town, overpowered the watchman at the Bank of Hamilton, blew the safe and took \$9,000.

Bigger Guns for British Navy. Washington, Sept. 30.—Information has reached the Navy Department that the British admiralty has under construction 18-inch guns for the newer capital ships.

Mrs. W. M. Moody of Thomas, Ok., and her son, William Moody, were killed; Mrs. J. E. Moorefield of Putnam, Ok., was injured, perhaps fatally, and the husbands of both women were severely injured when an interurban car crashed into their motor car on a street crossing at El Reno.

High Clark, private in Company D, Second Massachusetts Infantry, has been sentenced to six months at hard labor in the disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth, and a dishonorable discharge from the service.

BRITISH PUSHING STEADILY AHEAD

But Germans Stubbornly Contest Every Foot of Ground Near Thiepval.

GETTING CLOSER TO BAPAUME

General Haig's Men Take More Teuton Trenches—Little Activity on the Other Fronts.

London, Sept. 30.—Steadily the British troops are pushing forward toward the Peronne-Bapaume road, the main artery immediately behind the German lines north of Comblis. After taking 500 yards of trenches southwest of LaSars, General Sir Douglas Haig's men made additional progress in the capture of 500 yards of German trenches east of Lesbouefs.

The British occupancy of the territory between Thiepval and the Ancre is being contested strongly by the Germans. A German counter attack after the entry of the British into a section of the Hessian trench resulted in the forcing out of the holders. The section was regained later, however, by the British, London says. Heavy fighting also has occurred around the Staff redoubt.

Rain Hampers Operations. There has been no great activity on any of the other fronts in Europe, except in Transylvania, where the Austro-Germans have repulsed the Hungarians at Hermanstadt. Vienna says the Teutonic forces also have occupied the heights east and southeast of the town after violent fighting. The battle in this section, however, has not yet been finished.

Serbia Check Attacks. The intense fighting in the region of Koryniza, on the eastern front in Russia, appears to have come to an end. Berlin and Vienna say the Russian prisoners have been increased to forty-one officers and 3,000 men. The forces under Prince Leopold of Bavaria here also took two cannon and thirty-three machine guns. Berlin records the repulse of a Russian advance near Godzishchki, and Petrograd claims the defeat of a German attack near Gukalov.

Fighting continues in the Carpathians, but there has been no change in the battle lines. In Macedonia the entente allied troops are withstanding Bulgarian attacks. The Serbians have checked four attacks against positions on the Kaimakalan plateau, and the French have withstood assaults along the Brod river.

The position of the Japanese government, according to informal statements by embassy officials, still is that restrictions on immigration and land holding are not only derogatory to its dignity, but are unjust under international law in that they are discriminatory against Japan in favor of other nations. Removal of these restrictions, it is explained, are regarded as Japan's third and final step in its rise to statehood, the first two being the abolition of extra-territoriality and the negotiation of commercial equality treaties.

TO HAVE A MOTOR REGIMENT. Washington, Sept. 27.—As the result of experiments conducted in November, 1915, at Fort Sill, Ok., with caterpillar tractors as motive power for field artillery, and other experiments at the Rock Island Arsenal with motor trucks as transports, the United States Army is to have its newest artillery regiment, the Ninth Field Artillery, completely motorized. The Ninth Artillery is stationed in Hawaii and is one of the three new regiments added to the army this year as the first increment under the National Defense Act.

MEXICANS CROSSED BORDER

Party of Thirty Surprised by United States Cavalry Patrol Near Yaleta, Texas.

Washington, Sept. 29.—Thirty armed Mexicans, belonging to the command of Colonel Revel, a Carranza officer, were found concealed in the brush two miles west of Yaleta, Tex., by a patrol of the Eighth Cavalry, General Funston reported to the War Department today. The Mexicans were dismounted, Funston said, and were concealed, except one, who, mounted on a burro, was on guard.

The Mexicans retreated across the Rio Grande when discovered. The mounted Mexican left so hurriedly, Funston said, that he left his burro. He also left a carbine, marked "Troop K," Tenth Cavalry—the negro troop that was engaged in the Carrizal battle. No shots were fired on either side.

DEATH FOLLOWS A QUARREL

St. Louis, Sept. 30.—Mrs. Carrie Peterson, a widow, 25 years old, died today by burns received last night when her clothing was set on fire by kerosene. Phillip Bangert, a boarder at the home of Mrs. Peterson, was arrested.

Mrs. Peterson obtained a license Wednesday to marry Fred Mathias. She said she had poured kerosene on her clothing and set it on fire after she had quarreled with Bangert over her approaching marriage.

Heleen, an 8-year-old child of Mrs. Peterson, told the police she had seen Bangert throw a lighted lamp at her mother. Bangert said he knew nothing of the cause of the fire.

The council of Greek ministers has decided in agreement with King Constantine upon military co-operation with the entente powers, says a Reuter dispatch from Athens. The Greek battleship Hydra has joined the allied fleet, it is affirmed in the same dispatch.

Michigan Central passenger train No. 14, known as the New York-Chicago Express, bound from Chicago to Detroit, was held up by a gang of robbers near Dearborn, ten miles west of Detroit and looted.

No New American Cardinal. Rome, Sept. 28.—It is now practically certain that no new American cardinal will be created at the papal consistory to be held in November. Archbishop Haas of San Francisco, it had been stated, would receive first consideration if another American was awarded the red hat.

Northwest Carmen to Ask More Pay. St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 28.—Leaders of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen in the Northwest met here today to discuss a plan to demand higher wages.

GENERAL GEORGESCU



General Georgescu, one of the commanders of the Rumanian army, has won much distinction during his military career.

ONLY WAITING FOR WAR'S END

Japanese Government Will Reopen Question of Emigration and Land Ownership in This Country.

Washington, Sept. 28.—Japan's purpose to renew, after the European war, its contention for the right of its people to emigrate to and to own land in the United States, suggested in New York papers yesterday by Baron Yoshino Sakatani, former finance minister in the Tokio cabinet, was frankly admitted today at the Japanese embassy. Negotiations over these questions, which came to a deadlock two years ago, are not regarded by Japan as concluded, it was explained, but merely postponed while the larger issues of the war are being dealt with.

The deadlock followed a long series of conferences between ex-Secretary Bryan and Baron Chinda, the Japanese ambassador, and an exchange of notes between the two governments over the alien land legislation enacted by California. After the state department had pointed out that, under its constitution, the United States government could do no more than seek to prevent such legislation and that persons affected by it had recourse to the federal courts, Japan closed the exchanges with a note saying her complaint had not been answered and reserving "for the present further discussion of the issue."

It has been generally assumed that the issue would remain in abeyance only while Japan was occupied with the war, but, until now, no one in a position to speak with authority has said so. There will be no formal discussion of the subject by the embassy, at least until the arrival of the new ambassador, Dr. Amoro Sato, who was appointed when Baron Chinda was transferred to London and is expected in Washington in a few months.

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Allies Continue Advance. London, Sept. 28.—Continuing their advance along the road to Bapaume, the British today captured German trenches over a front of two thousand yards north of Fiers and east of Faucourt l'Abbaye. A strong redoubt northeast of Thiepval also was occupied.

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Greek King Would Drop Neutrality on Condition That Loan Be Made by Entente Powers.

Athens, Sept. 27.—In circles very close to King Constantine the belief is expressed that he will declare war immediately—possibly even this evening.

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After the departure of M. Venizelos, a general exodus of his adherents began. Former deputies and former ministers of the liberal army officers and government officials are leaving Athens as rapidly as they can obtain transportation.

Rear Admiral Paul Condouriotis, former minister of marine, and General Miliotis, accompanied the Cretan statesman.

Colonel Ianlou, commander of the Greek forces at Corfu, after haranguing his men and telling them that no stigma should attach to those joining the revolutionary movement, left Corfu with his staff for Saloniki.

The greatest excitement prevails in Athens. In some quarters the feeling is expressed that M. Venizelos' action has been hastened by the prospect of an early agreement regarding Greece's entry into the war between Greece and the entente powers, and it is considered that the Cretan now is playing his last trump in the struggle with the king. The information that an agreement may be reached between Greece and the entente comes from official sources and is based on telegrams from Greek ministers in entente capitals. The entente legations here, however, have not been advised of any change in the program of inaction.

MAY BE NO GENERAL STRIKE

Union Labor Leaders in New York Appear to Have Met With Little Success.

New York, Sept. 29.—Leaders of union labor appeared today to have met with small success in their renewed efforts to bring about their promised general strike to aid the striking traction employees, which was called to begin yesterday. Despite the claim of the leaders that the number who have quit work totals 125,000 and many police officials said today that if a strike was in progress there was little evidence of it.

Service on the elevated and subway lines continued normal today except for the withdrawal of a large number of cars owing to the decreased traffic due to the Jewish holiday, and the general situation seemed to be about the same as it has been for the last week.

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Sentenced for Contempt an Oklahoma Attorney Conducts His Law Practice From His Cell.

Alva, Ok., Sept. 28.—J. P. Evans, a widely known Alalfa City, Ok., lawyer, who was committed to jail here last week for contempt when he refused to testify before Judge G. M. Gustin, has opened a law office in the jail, saying he intends to remain. It was believed Evans would ask habeas corpus release, but he has placed his advertisement in the local papers, "Office in the city jail," and has filed three cases in the district court.

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War Department Orders National Guardsmen From Fourteen States to Relieve Returning Men.

Washington, Sept. 28.—National guard organizations from New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Virginia, New York, Alabama, Georgia, Connecticut, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Colorado and California were ordered to the Mexican border today by the War Department.

Instructions were sent to General Funston ordering him to select upon the arrival of these organizations at the border, ten thousand national guard infantry, now on duty there, and return them to state mobilization camps.

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