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SPECIAL SESSION

Gov. Roberts, we are informed through the dispatches from Nashville, is seriously considering the advisability of convening the legislature in extraordinary session for the purpose of enacting safeguards around the equal suffrage act recently declared constitutional by the supreme court.

It is a subject well worth his serious consideration. The act opens the way to many forms of fraud and election manipulation, and by all means should be so amended as to require the women voters to meet the conditions of other persons participating in an election.

The intelligent women of the state ask no special favors and crave no special dispensation. They desire to fulfill all the obligations required of other voters of the land. They are prepared to register, pay poll tax and otherwise qualify for the exercise of the franchise.

The cause of full suffrage, which the women have worked for so long, is likely to receive a serious blow if the right to limited suffrage is abused. If the way for abuse is left open the unscrupulous politician is not likely to overlook the advantage, and if the ballot is properly safeguarded there will be no opportunity for fraud.

We are not prepared to speak for the remainder of the state, but in Memphis there is a condition of affairs that makes it imperative that adequate legislation be enacted amending or supplementing the law to guarantee protection to the honest voter and a count of every vote honestly cast.

There can be no legal objection advanced against the exercise of the franchise by any person qualified under the law to vote. That right was surrendered with the passage of the equal suffrage law. But there is a serious objection to the proposal of a disreputable element of both races to herd together the ignorant and the vicious and get the benefit of their votes under one pretext or another.

In fairness to the advocates of equal suffrage for women they should not be required to assume responsibility for what may occur in the first election in which they shall participate because of a defective and altogether inadequate law.

The active member of the county board of elections is a Republican, and the dominating influence of the city government is a Republican commissioner of police. With their well known lust for political power and political jobs, whatever they may do toward bringing a new and an unfamiliar element into politics will be without regard to the effect upon the community, but with an eye single to the national election of next year and what it holds for them in the event of a Republican success.

With the passage of proper legislation the element of danger to a large extent would be removed, but unless something is done toward safeguarding the ballot it is difficult to imagine the excesses to which the Republican organization in this county is prepared to go under the direction of unscrupulous leaders.

It would be much better for such provocation to be removed by legislation than for the people to be required to resort to primitive methods of maintaining their institutions and their self-respect, which, in any event, must survive.

A HAVEN OF REFUGE

The following is taken from an Associated Press dispatch from Chicago Wednesday morning:

"A fatal affair also took place in the West Side Italian district, where a negro was knocked from a bicycle, shot to death, gasoline poured on the body and set afire."

The Chicago Daily News on July 24 printed "the tenth of a series of articles dealing with the large and growing colored population of Chicago, and with the remarkable problems affecting the entire city resulting from the influx of negroes, mainly from the South," in which it said:

"Not only is Chicago a receiving station and port of refuge for colored people who are anxious to be free from the jurisdiction of lynch law, but there has been built here a publicity or propaganda machine that directs its appeals or carries on an agitation that every week reaches hundreds of thousands of people of the colored race in the Southern states. The State street blocks south of First street, 'busways row' with the Defender, the Broad, the Plaindealer, the Searchlight, the Guide, the Advocate, the Whip, as weekly publications, and there are also illustrated monthly magazines such as the Half-Century and the Favorer."

"The Defender is the dean of the weekly newspaper group, and it is said to reach more than 100,000 subscribers in Southern states. A Carnegie foundation investigator delivered his belief that the Defender, more than any other one agency, was the cause of the 'northern fever' and the big exodus from the South in the last three years. It advocated race pride and race militancy and exhausted the vocabulary of denunciation on lynching, disfranchisement, and all forms of race discrimination."

"At some postoffices in the South it was difficult to have copies of the Defender delivered to subscribers. A colored man caught with a copy in his possession was suspected of 'northern fever' and other so-called disloyalties. Thousands of letters poured into the Defender office asking about conditions in the North."

"This situation had a curious political reflex. A rumor arose. It traveled to Chicago and Washington. It said that sinister forces were operating to prevent negroes in the North and particularly in Chicago, from returning to their former homes in the South. Down South the rumor traveled and was published to the effect that thousands of colored men and women were waiting in Dixie, the home of the cotton kingdom, that they were longing to see again. Lieut. W. L. Owen, of the military intelligence service at Washington, was sent to Chicago to investigate. He went to Dr. George C. Hall, a leader in several colored organizations, and asked: 'What is this underground that is keeping the negroes in the North?' Dr. Hall answered: 'There isn't any underground. Everything is in the open in this case. The trouble started when the declaration of independence was written. It says that every man has a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. So long as the colored people get more of those three things in the North than in the South they are going to keep coming, and they are going to stay.'"

Chicago, "a refuge and a haven of safety"! How different it is from the South, where the guilty are punished and the innocent are protected. Verily the Tribune and the News may now point with pride to their success in bringing about "social equality," for are not the whites and blacks killing each other without regard to race, color or previous condition of servitude?

Imagine Carranza pacing the floor and musing up his chin whiskers in the effort to devise schemes to capture the bandits who robbed our bluejackets!

Contemplating the prohibition enforcement bill, the Kentucky colonel must tremble for the safety of his mint bed, green memory of a happier day.

In view of the present situation in the American congress, we would suggest that the first word in the term "peace treaty" be changed to "war."

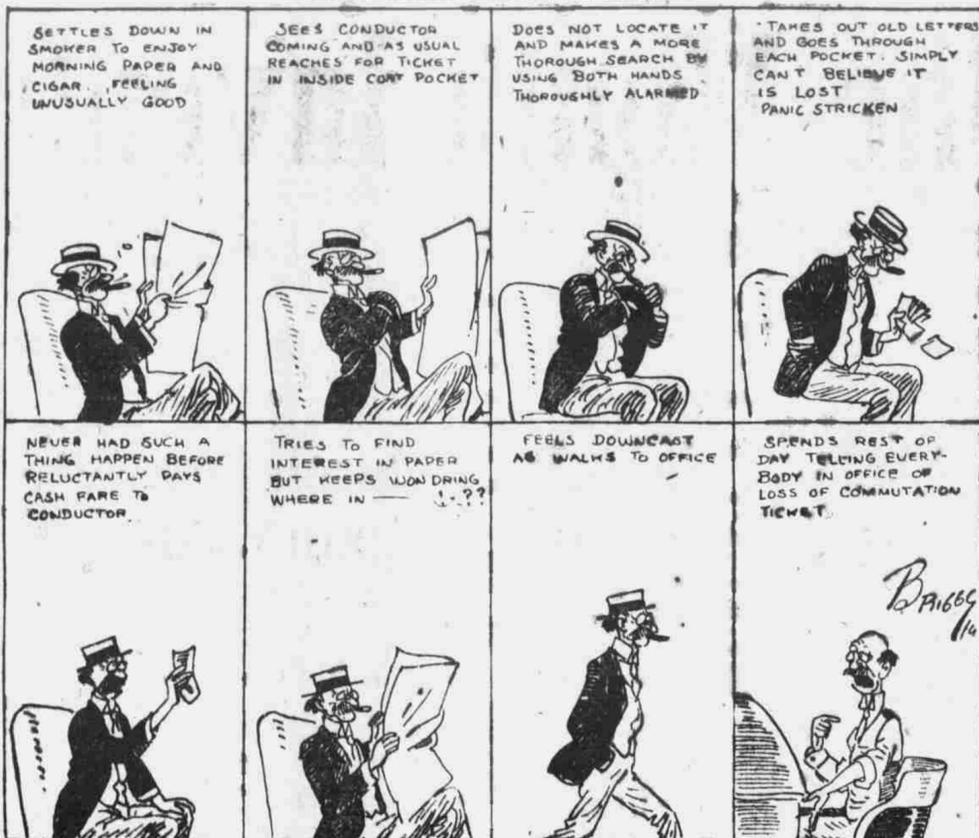
That small newsboy at the Chisca corner at least had a sense of the fitness of things when he called "Many found dead in graveyard."

Shade of Sam Houston! How did three Mexicans hold up and rob a boatload of American sailors?

President Wilson has a great visitor, but Senator Lodge has only a frightful nightmare.

Movie of a Commuter Who Has Lost His Commutation Ticket—By Briggs

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PUBLIC DISCUSSION

FOR WOMEN'S LEAGUE.

To The News Scimitar:

I notice with considerable pride, the resolutions adopted by the Woman's Equal Suffrage League and it forecasts a better regime in the municipal affairs of our great city.

No one but the criminal will fear these resolutions and none but the debase and professional politicians will impugn the motives of these noble women. Hurrah for the women! God bless them! I am willing for them to have anything they want.

Largely by their efforts we are about to have a sober world. My every incentive was inspired by women. I never knew my father, who lost his life by imprisonment in the historic Irving block of this city, and it was those patriotic Southern women who erected the tablet in Court square, commemorative of the fact that he died "not without honor."

Intelligent people know that woman was God's final masterpiece of creation. What we need is a betterment of the civil conditions of our city and to do this we must have a new regime.

We want officers who will not hazard the city's interests to perpetuate their own influence, who will not practice nepotism and who will not promise every influential supporter an office, create those offices for those supporters, then raise taxes on the innocent, oppressed tax payers, honest voters, to pay the fees.

The politicians are making the same old howl, that cuts want the office of the Ins, but the new business men's efforts, assisted by these noble women, will be easily successful this time because the whiskey seller and dive keeper have not the ready drink to control the thoughtless voter, even though the Ins have thousands of subordinated votes coked and primed for the fray.

We must have a regime that will protect visitors when they come to the city. Very respectfully, J. H. JONES, 1538 Monroe Avenue.

"THEORY OF CREDITS."

W. B. Cleveland, vice-president of the Austin Clothing company, will address the Retail Credit Men's association at the luncheon Thursday at the Gayoso on "The Theory of Credits." Miss Sophie M. Nuss and Jesse C. Dwan will sing. The luncheon will begin at 12:30 o'clock and last until 1:30. The membership drive of the association is nearing most satisfactory results to those in charge and the 500 mark set as a goal is in sight. In fact, it is believed by those engineering the drive that this mark will be passed and the 1919 national trophy cup will be won hands down.

MOOSE LODGE TO MEET.

Memphis Lodge No. 183, Loyal Order of Moose, will hold its regular weekly meeting Wednesday night at the Moose home, 142 Court avenue, at 8 o'clock. There will be initiation of candidates and the entertainment committee will make a report regarding its recent outing.

Ye Editor Nods

Jolts and Jests Slipped Past The Blue Pencil

BUCOLIC BUT BRUTAL.

Our gentle poet of the dark brown soil is seeing red. We fear the dog days have worked under his occipital and parietal bones and affected his brain to such an extent that he has forgotten Arcadia; forgotten daisies and violets; blue forgets the Pipes of Pan and all that barefooted troop of hooped and unhooped, manured and unmanured men and maidens who used to people his idyllic scenes.

We can't print it all, but listen to this he "writ" after his vacation trip: We boarded the train on the Southern Pacific. The mountain scenery was grand and profuse. To take a trip to the end of the line—for the in the summer, the weather was fine. While the wheels on the rails to powder were chaffing. The passengers in the cars were talking and laughing. Even one moved over—to the next one spoke.

When some one cried out: "My God! The train's broke!" There follows poetic description of the horrors of the wreck of which the following are only glimpses: Under the wreck—oh, pertained to see. There's a man what's pinned by the knee. And you could hear him for to say. Cut, oh, cut my leg away! Then they went back into the caboose. And got a jack and let him loose.

And this: And a woman's heart lay on a stump. Never to see Italia's clime. Or to hear the bells of St. Peter chime. Mirabile dictu! The poet escaped.

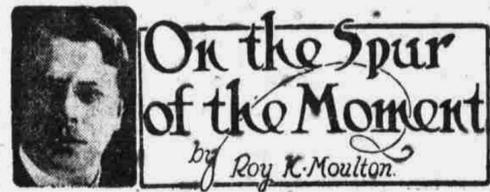
I SEE! A man cannot understand how she looks so cool these hot days, until she gets between him and the sun.

B. A. In the C. A. wants to know how a citizen will recover damages inflicted from an airplane, when he is on his own property. This question probably has the lawyers up in the air, too.

SIMPLE ARITHMETIC. A little calculation makes us sure our middle desk drawer is smaller than the office boy's stomach. His lunch perpetually is too large to go into the drawer!

THOSE KIDS. Tommy, aged 8, didn't entrust about the prospect of his first year in school. His mother was endeavoring to instill desire for learning. "Just think, dear, you can take a pencil and a tablet every day," she urged.

Tommy pondered. Then he said: "Maama, I'll take the pencil, but you can keep the medicine."



ANTICIPATION.

I was born in the Year of the Big Thirst. I was born on that dry July the First. My Father! as I remember him now, stayed home all day and drank milk from the cow, of course he looked sore as he naturally should, for taking his stuff that was drawn from the wood, and he preached all day of a man's Liberty, and why out whisky he never could see, but ma she just sat there and smiled a sweet smile, as she looked in the ads for the latest in style, and thought to herself of the things she would buy, with the money pa saved since the country went dry. Now a good many years have gone their way, since what the old boys call that Fatal Day, and the old fellows meet and remember "when," then that sore looks comes on their faces again, but the lads that were born after that day see no reason for so much dismay, and ma we notice still has that smile, and she's always dressed in the latest style, there's good things to eat always on hand and the new piano is simply grand. The moral of this I do not know, but if it makes things better it should be so, but I know of many a thing that ma has thought that she never could buy before the drought. GIP.

MODERN EPITAPHIS.

Here lies the bones of Ezra Jones: He kissed his girl one night. He heard of deadly microbes, but He didn't think they'd bite.

Oh, shed a tear, Bill Hanks lies here; We'll inform you, should you ask it; That he stepped in front of a touring car, And they took him home in a basket.

Beneath this stone lies Amos Brown, He tried to be a poet, And made his living by his verse— He steved to death, you know it.

WHEN DID SHE GET A \$2.75 HAT?

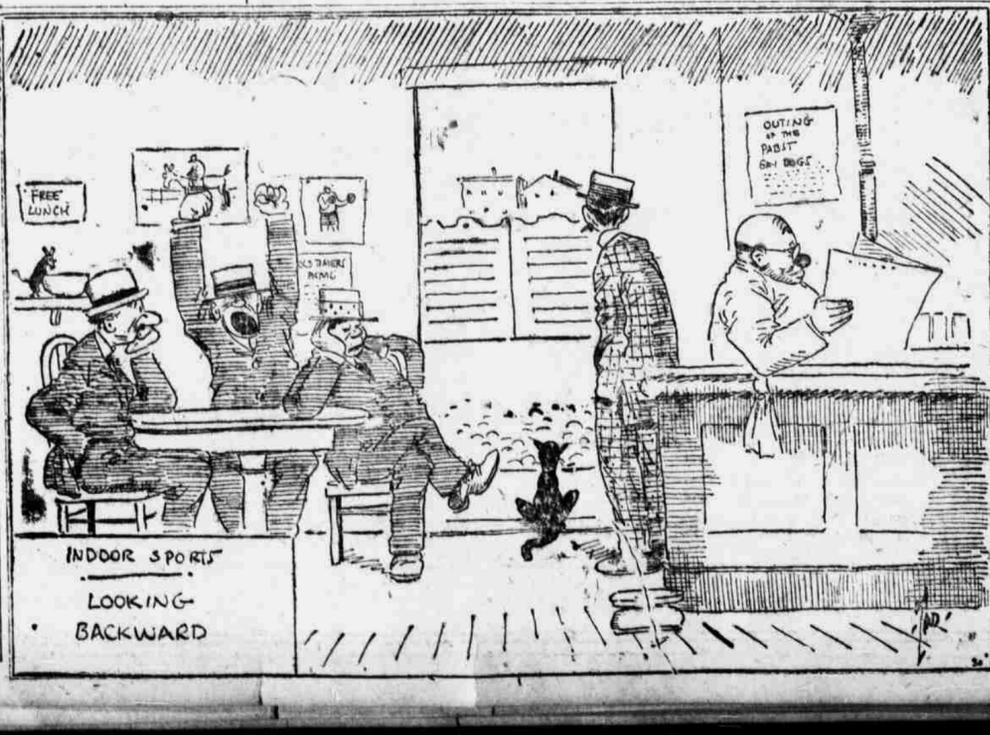
There are 250,000 words in the English language, and the Fayette Advertiser declares that most of them were used Sunday by a Fayette woman who discovered, after coming home from church, that her new hat was adorned with a tag on which was written, "Reduced to \$2.75."

A playwright unwinding a hank of spaghetti in a gilded Italian eatery the other night suddenly saw a former wife at an opposite table. He bowed and she bowed and he got so nervous being watched that he nonchalantly stuck the spaghetti in his pocket and with great dignity walked out.

Dear Roy—I read that Mr. Carranza razes at Speaker Gillett. Well, did you ever see Mr. Carranza's whiskers?—O. N., Brooklyn.

Blythe Sherwood is horrified to think what will become of the nation when all the men who believe in ONLY doing things in "the right spirit" have to disappear.

YOU MAY, LEW, YOU MAY. May I not arise to shout that due to the awful hole it makes in your bankroll these days, it is called "Rent"?—Lew Stanley.



Twice Told Tales

Ten Years Ago Today in Memphis.

JULY 30, 1909. Frisco train hits suburban street car at Rayburn boulevard and Railroad street, resulting in the death of Allen R. Wamble, conductor of the street car and the injury of 12 others.

Pellagra had been discovered in several sections of Memphis, it was announced by the health department. The victims were negroes.

Frank Malheur, former detective of San Antonio, Tex., and said to be a fugitive from there, where he was alleged to be wanted on a charge of murder was arrested by Patrolmen Stanley and Hooks, of the Memphis police department.

Are lights placed in Overton Park Zoo and the popular resort would be opened to the public at night.

Capt. Thomas D. A. Lawler was elected commander of the Walthall chapter of the United States Order of the Department of Tennessee.

He succeeded W. E. Darby, who had resigned after serving in the position for a quarter of a century.

A prominent contractor of Memphis, accompanied by his family, had left for Rowles, N. M., where they were to make their home.

S. L. Cockroft announced his candidacy for justice of the supreme court of Tennessee.

Brinkley park playgrounds opened under the direction of the Memphis association, with A. W. Butler in charge as physical director.

AMUSEMENTS

Loew's Lyceum.

The new bill for the latter half of the week at Loew's Lyceum will open Thursday with Ed Phillips, "The 20th Century Comedian," a headliner. This season marks Phillips' first appearance in vaudeville since he left the legitimate stage after getting in "The Evening Show of 1918." He has a snappy offering, interspersed with several popular songs.

A clever little playlet labelled "Speaking of Men," will be presented by Doris Hardy & company. The characters are two young women, and their criticisms are laughable in the extreme.

Winters and Culver, a singing and dancing team, featuring an eccentric comedian who gets off a lot of droll humor; Harrison and Holloway, in an artistic instrumental music offering, and the Aerial LaVale, comedy acrobats, complete the vaudeville bill.

Ethel Clayton, the star of "Men, Women and Money," the film feature, Miss Clayton, in the role of a pretty college girl, enters society and later, through an accident, suddenly finds herself penniless. Although deeply in debt, she tries to get on for Bill Dunbar, who seems the advance of a wealthy bachelor, but the story ends with their marriage after he has changed his views of the girl whom he had sought to betray.

Moving Pictures

Strand.

Tom Mix, with five reels of stunts and popular action is coming to the Strand theater Thursday for three days in a play called "The Coming of the Law." This drama of the law, which is taken from the book by Charles Alden Seltzer.

In the story Mix, in the character of Kent Hollis, enters Dry Bottom, Mexico, like any other tenderfoot, without guns; but he has brought with him two revolvers, a clear and cool brain. There is no law in Dry Bottom when he arrives. The cattle rustlers and feuding desperadoes are running the town. The sheriff does their will, and the only honest man in the town is a doctor who tempers to keep things straight are continually thwarted. But when the Sheriff has a quarrel with the doctor, the bad men and bring the law into Dry Bottom to stay.

The big romantic showing of the big romantic spectacle, "Whom the Gods Would Destroy."

Majestic.

How his love for a young and beautiful girl who was first met in affection and admiration for a fine, true woman more nearly his own age is told in its center feature, an explorer in "Choosing a Wife," the attraction which will be seen at the Majestic theater starting Thursday.

The three figures about which this very unusual love story revolves are Andrew Quick, a scientist; Barbara Blossom, girl of 20; and her aunt, Dorothy Blossom, who is approaching middle age. Andrew Quick starting for the South Sea, Quick sends a letter of proposal which he intends shall be for the younger woman, with whom he is in love. By a mistake, for which reason was to blame, the letter falls into the hands of the older woman who had previously had an intention that Quick was in love with her.

How he answered the big question, that of choosing a wife, in the closing situations of this gripping picture, the action and plot of which are quite unusual among the features of today.

ED J. FRAZIER BURIED; W. L. LIVINGSTON HELD

Funeral services for Ed J. Frazier, city fireman, who died Monday night from injuries received when he was struck by an automobile, were held Wednesday morning at the Calvary cemetery. He was buried in Calvary cemetery.

Fire Captains John Kehoe, Irvy Kincaid, John C. Ward, Jack Hanlon, and Fireman John Sheehan and M. L. Gardner acted as pallbearers.

Who the driver who drove the automobile which struck Frazier, was held on a charge of manslaughter. L. T. "Bugs" McGee, who ordered the manslaughter warrant to issue from the bench, Livingston made bond of \$1,000.

The accident, which cost Frazier his life, occurred last Thursday at Lamar boulevard and Somerville street. Frazier was struck by the auto as he stepped from a street car.

APOPLEXY ENDS LIFE OF GUEST AT HOTEL

Apoplexy is given as the cause of the sudden death of Robert O'Brien Weeks, guest at the Arlington hotel, who was dropped dead in his room at 5:30 o'clock Tuesday night. Efforts of Dr. E. H. Wickes to revive Weeks failed, and the motor belonging to Thompson Bros., operated by Bill Shoffner, was used to take away the body.

Plans for funeral services are in absence, pending receipt of word from Weeks' relatives in North Carolina, who have been notified by Thompson Bros., where the body is held.

SPECIAL ATTORNEY WILL PUSH DU PONT SUITS

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Thomas J. Tyme, of Nashville, has been appointed special assistant to the attorney-general to represent the United States in suits against the duPont Engineering company in the courts of Davidson county, Tennessee.

The suits are claims of damages for alleged personal injuries sustained in the construction of the Old Hickory powder plant.

WOLVES KILL STOCK.

JONESBORO, Ark., July 20. (Sp.)—During the past month farmers living in the "Argus" river bottoms have lost a large number of young cattle, hogs and sheep through the depredations of a large number of wolves.

Last week eight yearling heifers were killed on the river's place. It is reported that a yearling pig is being strangled every night. It is thought the wolves came from Cache river bottoms.

QUITMAN JAIL BROKEN.

Deputy Sheriff Noble, of Marks, Miss., sent an S. O. S. call to Memphis police Tuesday to be on the lookout for three negroes who had broken their way out of the Quitman jail there. He sent description of the trio.

ORGANIC LAW OF STATE AT ISSUE

Will Meet Friday Night to Organize for Vote on Constitutional Convention.

Men and women who may be interested in the movement to secure a revision of the constitution of Tennessee, will be invited to attend a general meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Friday night. At that meeting it is intended to elect a chairman and secretary and to take steps to organize a club to work in Shelby county and Memphis for the proposed constitutional convention.

Walter C. Chandler, R. P. Reed and W. W. Hughes have been appointed on a committee to arrange for Friday night's meeting. The question of the question whether or not a constitutional convention should be held next November will be held Sept. 4. There is little time, therefore, for any campaign. A state organization has already been formed and the general campaign will be conducted from Nashville. T. H. Murray, a young lawyer, of Jackson, will probably be the executive secretary in charge of campaign headquarters.

Officers and members of all civic organizations including the 22 improvement clubs of Memphis, have been invited to send delegates to the meeting Friday night. The purpose of the meeting has been shown in similar movements in Memphis.

Although women cannot vote in the election in September, members of the improvement clubs of Memphis are much interested in the movement, as until changes are made in the present constitution, which was formulated in 1870, women cannot be granted the full franchise in Tennessee.

DESERTS MEN UNDER FIRE AND IS SENT TO PRISON

AYER, Mass., July 20.—Convicted of deserting his men, whom he had led into the fire of the enemy, Samuel H. Stone, formerly a second lieutenant of the 101st Infantry regiment, has been sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to be confined in the military prison there.

Testimony by members of Stone's platoon in Company B, 101st regiment, showed that he had headed night patrols to the edge of No Man's Land four times and when having drawn the fire of the enemy, he had ordered the men to withdraw and had withdrawn. His platoon suffered losses, which the court-martial held, included needless loss of life due to Stone's desertion.

Stone, whose home is in Boston, was an officer in the national guard before he was federalized and the 101st regiment formed.

FAILS TO DIE.

A taxicab, bowling along Second street, was the scene chosen by Mr. C. Smith, 359 N. Second street, for a suicide attempt Tuesday night. The woman swallowed three bicolors of mercury tablets. Emergency Policemen Jimmy Taylor and Charles Brunner, Jr., rushed her to the General Hospital, where, after a stomach pump, soon removed the poison. The woman, who was taken to her home later, was a man who was the reason for the attempt on her life. She did not let his name.

DOCTOR IS ROBBED.

Dr. J. E. Robinson, 1662 Glenview avenue, was robbed Tuesday night of a black handbag containing surgical instruments was stolen from his automobile on Main street.

H. H. Rogers was the victim of a burglary Tuesday night when his residence, where he resides, was broken into by a prowler and \$20 in cash and a watch and job taken.

FAILS TO RETURN.

Trusting Sarah Creighton, of the dusky "400" of George, Miss, reported to Memphis police Wednesday that she had been kidnapped by a man who had been rounded a corner at the Union station.

FIREMAN WILL RECOVER.

Joe Finley, 23 Iron Mountain street, will recover from injuries he received Tuesday night when he stepped from a freight train cab into space, and fell to rocks 30 feet below the trestle on which the train had stopped, at the Arkansas end of the bridge.

THEATERS.

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TODAY AND THURSDAY

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—IN—

Extravagance

Gowns and society wrecked this home, but the wife's sacrifice brought happiness at last.

ADDED FEATURE Mack Sennett Comedy

No Mother To Guide Him