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AVOID A PANIC BY BUYING ON MARKET NOW

That Is Advice to Consumer From Topeka Merchants.

Slack in Business Would Overthrow Entire Reduction.

LOWER PRICES ARE FELT HERE

But There Have Been No General Radical Slashes.

Money Market Still in Control of All Conditions.

"WAGES MUST COME DOWN"

Entire Burden Cannot Be Placed on the Materials.

Review of Conditions as They Exist in Capital City.

BY W. E. GIBSON.

"There is a general downward tendency in prices in all lines," according to a local wholesale merchant today. "Lower markets are retarding buying, and the effect of this eventually will reach the manufacturer, leaving but two avenues open to him—reduction in prices or shutdown in production.

"If the people are sane and do not get panicky and lay off buying altogether, there will be a gradual reduction in prices," one Topeka jobber warned today. "If prices returned to the pre-war level over night, the country would be hit by the worst panic in its history."

"Living costs cannot come down, without wages of labor coming down, too. It is too bad to let the laboring man get the impression that prices are going to be reduced and that his wages will still remain at the high level. Prices probably will tumble first, but wages will follow right on their heels. The farmer also must expect to get less for his products if the prices of his supplies come down."

Dry Goods Drop in Spring.

Declines in foodstuffs already have been and are being felt, the wholesaler pointed out, but said that dry goods would not drop much until spring. Potatoes have decreased and sugar is now down to 16 cents a pound and, he thinks, will go to 12½ cents by the first of the year.

Labor Holds Up Building.

Lumber prices have been reduced again, the third time this year. A drop of from ten to twenty per cent on all materials, except cement and white pine, hit Topeka in the last week. Common lumber dropped 10 per cent, shingles 11, lath 20, finish (yellow pine) $30 a thousand and casing and base $40, making more than a 20 per cent drop, fir flooring 30 per cent. Cement is advancing and the white pine market is fluctuating.

In spite of this fact, the cost of building a house is not expected to decrease much, in view of the fact that 90 per cent of it goes to labor, according to a local real estate man.

Retailers "Up in the Air."

Retail merchants up and down the avenue are "up in the air" on future prices. Like the public, they are buying only what they need, until a more stable market is in sight.

Sugar is retailing at 16 cents and may go lower; coffee has dropped 5 cents a pound recently; condensed milk is off 50 cents a case, but butter advanced one cent a pound, to 61, this week and eggs are up to 65 cents and are scarce, according to a large retail grocer. Canned goods is off now, but are expected to go up later, due to scarcity and the price of tin.

Reaction in Food Prices.

"Prices are coming down slightly now," said the grocer, "but there will be a reaction later if the money market eases up. The money market and not supply and demand is regulating prices. Another thing that is making for higher food prices, is the fact that the farmer is not fooling with small produce, but is sowing his land to grain. Still another factor is transportation; it costs twice as much to handle goods now as it did during the war."

Volland Is Optimistic.

Fred Volland, president of the Kansas Retail Clothiers' association and vice president of the national organization, is more optimistic of a price drop. The peak has been reached, he says, and a general, altho gradual, reduction in prices may be expected.

The Peak Has Been Reached.

"The peak has been reached in prices," said Volland. "Economically, clothing prices will be lower for spring. Just how far-reaching the reduction will be, no one can say. The human element in business is disregarded by statisticians, but it has played the most important part in the present crisis, for while the industrial experts were telling us there could not be a stabilization this year, at that very moment the public was reaping the benefit of a price-cutting wave that enveloped the country.

"It was not the manufacturer that gave to the country the present level of prices. It was the retailer. The retailer reflects public temper, always. When the public spoke in resentment against high prices—thru the overall clubs and old suit societies—it was the retailer who first heard and responded.

"There cannot be such a thing as decided price recession in any line of business. The movement will be gradual and the retreat orderly. No man in America is wise enough to predict where the level will be finally fixed. Certainly, labor cannot be expected to forego present compensation. By increased efficiency labor can materially reduce prices, and not effect the wage rate.

"Readjustment of the government tax system will reduce overhead charges somewhat, but the war must

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SINN FEIN DON BRITISH UNIFORM

Charges Made Reprisals Are Faked by Irish Reds.

Black and Tan Police Quit Rather Than Face Charges.

REPRISALS ORDERED STOPPED

Six More Police Are Murdered From Ambush.

More Raids and Counter Raids Are Reported.

London, Oct. 1.—With the Irish situation described by high government officials as "most unsatisfactory," the British cabinet met today to act to end the reign of murder and reprisal in Ireland.

Charges that Sinn Feiners donning soldiers' uniforms, have been responsible for destruction which was described as police reprisals were received by the Irish office. The cabinet has ordered a thoro investigation of ambushes and counter attacks, and reliable reports said the two chief officers in Ireland will be exonerated.

Resignation of 137 "black and tan" members of the royal Irish constabulary at Gormanstown has resulted from the British government's declaration against police reprisals in Ireland, according to the Daily Herald.

Police Quit Jobs.

Dublin advices reported two ships were raided in the harbor there during the night by sixteen armed men who obtained revolvers and ammunition. Two policemen were killed at O'Brien's bridge in County Clare.

Officer Summoned to Probe.

Major General MacReady has been summoned from Ireland to report to the cabinet on police reprisals, the Star declared today. As anticipated, reprisals quickly followed shooting of a policeman at Drimoleague Thursday. Last night armed men raided the town and burned stores.

Terence MacSwiney began his fiftieth day of hunger striking today, suffering more pain than at any time since his imprisonment. The lord mayor had no sleep after midnight and complained of severe pains in his arms and back.

Police Patrol Ambushed.

Belfast, Oct. 1.—A police patrol was ambushed yesterday near Castlecurry, County Sligo, by a large party of armed civilians. District Inspector Brady was shot dead, the head constable gravely wounded and another constable less seriously wounded. Unconfirmed reports say several houses have been burned in reprisal.

Head Constable O'Hara and Constable Brown were wounded. Tubbercurry is a town of 500 inhabitants. Residents were reported preparing for flight from the swift vengeance expected from "black and tan" police.

Brady, it was gathered from reports here, headed a patrol which was surprised in the darkness by a band of Sinn Feiners. There was no report of casualties among the attackers.

Sein Fein in Charges.

Dublin, Oct. 1.—Charges that the reprisals in Ireland were a calculated policy of the government, that the occasion for them was often afforded by the provocation of agents, and that a plot exists for the assassination of the Irish republican leaders were made today by Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein organization.

Warning against reprisals, no matter what the provocation, was given the royal Irish constabulary today by Sir Hamar Greenwood, the chief secretary of Ireland, in a speech on the occasion of a distribution of medals. He dwelt upon the provocation, which had been given the police, of whom 103 have been murdered and 170 wounded and 565 police barracks have been burned.

The body of Magistrate Lendrum, who was reported kidnaped by Sinn Feiners, was found today in a coffin near the railway station at Kilmurry, West Clare.

Further reprisals were feared as the police recently threatened to sack three towns if Lendrum was not surrendered alive and well.

Two Constables Shot.

Limerick, Ireland, Oct. 1.—Two constables were shot and killed near O'Brien's bridge last night when a police patrol was fired upon.

FIUME DISPUTES AT END

Council of City, at D'Annunzio's Appeal, Decides to Be Friendly.

Fiume, Oct. 1.—Captain D'Annunzio has written to the mayor of Fiume, complaining of dissensions among the members of the recently resigned national council, who, d'Annunzio said, were not concurring in the proclamation of Quarnero regency.

The poet also asserted tht such dissensions made the work of the new provisional government extremely difficult. Upon receipt of d'Annunzio's letter, the mayor called a meeting of the old national council, which adopted the following resolution:

"The municipal representatives of Fiume, cognizant of the proclamation of the Italian regency of Quarnero, recognize the provisional government presided over by d'Annunzio and give their unconditional collaboration and best wishes."

SLACKER TRIES FAST STRIKE.

Went Without Food Seventy-Nine Days—Being Fed Forcibly.

Denver, Oct. 1.—Reported as having refused food for seventy-nine days, Benjamin Salmon, military prisoner at Fort Douglas, Utah, is being fed forcibly by prison authorities.

Salmon is serving a twenty-five year sentence for draft evasion and being a "hinderance to military procedure."

Armed Bandits Get $10,000.

New York, Oct. 1.—Four armed robbers escaped with $10,000 today after holding up the cashier and bookkeeper of the American Cigar company, who had just drawn the money to pay employes. The robbers jumped from an automobile, knocked down their two victims and then drove away.

BALL PROBERS TURN ATTENTION TO 1920 GAMES

Wives of Ball Players To Be Quizzed by Jury.

Kansas City and Des Moines Gamblers Will Be Called.

ALL DEPENDS ON ATTORNEY

Prosecutor Returns From New York With New Evidence.

Will Clear Up Report He Ordered Indictments Held.

Chicago, Oct. 1.—Alleged "shady" baseball during 1920 will be put under the Z-Ray of the Cook county grand jury as soon as it has cleaned up its probe of the "throwing" of the 1919 world series, it was learned here today.

After a day's layoff of the baseball scandal, the grand jury today was to resume its inquiry into the 1919 world series. A new angle which was said to have developed today was a reported plan to quiz wives of baseball players as to what they know of sums of money alleged to have been received by their husbands for "fixing" games.

Reports were circulated here citing specific games which were alleged to smack of a "faked" character. These reports, it was believed, will be proved thoroly by the grand jury and may result in subpoenas issued for gamblers in Kansas City, Des Moines and other cities where considerable money is wagered on baseball games.

Expect More Evidence.

Additional evidence on the 1919 world series was expected to be handed the grand jury by State's Attorney Maclay Hoyne. Hoyne was also expected to clear up the report that he had instructed an assistant over long distance telephone from New York to halt the probe and hold up the return of indictments. Despite these reported instructions, the grand jury yesterday decided to proceed regardless of Hoyne and prepared to be sworn in as a special grand jury.

Hoyne, it was said, is bringing him from New York the names of two men said to possess important information regarding gambling on "fixed" baseball. It was said the new information corroborates the confessions of Eddie Cicotte, Claude Williams and Joe Jackson, suspended White Sox players.

The Cincinnati Reds' side of the story of the 1919 world series was scheduled to be told the grand jury today by Garry Herrmann, owner of the champions.

Dr. J. B. Prettyman, White Sox dentist, Clyde Elliott, motion picture producer, and several others also were to testify today.

Probe 1920 Fixed Games.

The probe of alleged "fixing" of games this year was believed to have been given a good start in evidence that has been presented. In confessions of some ball players, only the part in reference to the 1919 world series was made public. But other testimony, it was said, indicated occasional games were "thrown" in 1920.

New indictments were expected to be voted by the grand jury today. Eight ball players and two gamblers have been named in indictments already voted.

The White Sox that had gone thru the wash and came out clean were in St. Louis today fighting for the pennant. Badly riddled, the remnants of the once famous baseball machine were gamely confident.

New York Probe Pushed.

New York, Oct. 1.—Investigation to ascertain whether any clique of professional gamblers has attempted to corrupt the Brooklyn club which will play in the world series beginning Tuesday, was expected to be brought to a conclusion today by District Attorney Lewis of Kings county.

Lewis said today he was not investigating actual corruption of the Brooklyn club, which, so far as he knows, is absolutely honest to the last man, but is probing the report that gamblers plotted to attempt to corrupt some of the players.

After questioning Manager Wilbert Robinson and others of the Brooklyn players today, Lewis plans to issue a formal statement of his findings.

STRIKE BLOCKS MOVING DAY

New York Families Face Crisis of Housing Situation Today.

New York, Oct. 1.—New York faced an unknown situation on annual "moving day"—the first under the new anti-profiteering law.

While city officials estimated not more than five thousand families would move, there were indications many of these would be unable to take over the apartments promised them.

Under the new laws, landlords must prove by court action that any rent increase is justified. Eviction may be accomplished only if the landlord proves he wishes to occupy the apartment himself, that he wishes to raze the building to erect another, or that the tenant is "disorderly."

The situation was further complicated by a strike of moving van drivers and helpers.

HE KNOWS WHO DID IT.

New York Police Hold Man Who Can Tell of Wall St. Explosion.

New York, Oct. 1.—A man who said he was Joscha Greenspan, 42, arrested while crouching in the vestibule of a building in Brooklyn, told the police today he "knew who placed the bomb that blew up Wall street," and that "the police will never get him."

Greenspan was questioned by detectives of the bomb squad but would give no information.

Receive $7,500,000 in Gold.

New York, Oct. 1.—The White Star liner, Baltic, from Liverpool and Queenstown, arrived here today with gold bullion valued at $7,500,000, consigned to American bankers.

IT'S BETTER THAN NOTHING

SHOT AT ALLEN

Governor Cox at Wichita Attacks Kansas Executive.

Says Neither Allen Nor His Editor Ever Read Article X.

En Route With Governor Cox, Enid, Okla., Oct. 1.—Governor Cox today was coming down the home stretch of his western tour apparently living up to his prediction that he would "fill the last quarter faster than the first."

Oklahoma, generally considered Democratic, today was Cox's battleground, with eight speeches on his schedule. Tomorrow he was to move northward thru western Missouri to Kansas City, where he was to make final speeches of the swing around the circle.

While in Oklahoma, Cox indicated he may present some information regarding an alleged scheme of "big business interests" to gain control of the rich Osage Indian oil fields. His first speech was at Enid early today. He was due to speak at Kingfisher, El Reno, Oklahoma City at noon; Chandler, Bristow, Sapulpa and at Tulsa at 8 o'clock tonight.

Scott Ferris, Democratic candidate for United States senator, and Governor Robertson are heading the delegations accompanying Cox.

Cox's speech at Wichita attracted such a large crowd that nearly 3,000 jammed the streets seeking to gain admission to the already filled auditorium. Two direct shots were taken at Governor Allen of Kansas, by Cox.

"I noticed that your governor recently spoke in Michigan," he said. "and that he criticised the government because it bought too many irons with which to brand mules during the war," Cox said. "If the kaiser had served notice on us six months before the war ended that he was licked we no doubt could have saved many branding irons."

Referring to questions directed at him in Allen's paper, Cox said:

"Neither Governor Allen nor his editor apparently has read Article X of the league covenant or he would not say it violated the constitution."

FIND FIRE CAUSE

Boiler Explosion Started the $2,250,000 Galveston Blaze.

Five Gassed Firemen Are Still in the Hospital.

Galveston, Tex., Oct. 1.—Fire Chief Ryan today cleared the mystery concerning origin of the Galveston waterfront fire and placed the loss at $2,250,000.

The fire started in the engine room of the Texas Gulf Sulphur plant when a boiler exploded, the fire chief said. The explosion scattered oil, spreading flames.

Five firemen overcome by sulphur fumes and smoke yesterday were still in the hospital today.

A complete check as to damage today showed 140 individual property losers. This included many shacks and frame buildings in the negro quarters. Sparks from the piers, burning ships, sulphur plant and cotton shed, started blazes that scattered over an area of eight blocks.

Forty box cars, some loaded with grain and cotton and some unloaded, were burned. Yesterday's estimates of 3,500 bales of shedden cotton stood today. Whether any of the steamship Etna's 253,000 bushel wheat cargo can be salvaged today was problematical but indications pointed to a very small part of it remaining undamaged.

BABE RUTH IS INJURED.

Home Run Star's Auto and Truck in Collision—His Hurts Slight.

Meriden, Conn., Oct. 1.—"Babe" Ruth, home run king, was slightly injured today when his automobile collided with a truck.

The accident occurred between Meriden and Wallingford. Ruth's car was said to have sideswiped the truck, throwing the car off the road.

Ruth's injuries consisted of a few slight cuts.

The Weather

FORECAST FOR KANSAS.

Generally fair tonight and Saturday. Not much change in temperature.

COLD RECORD IN TOPEKA

Temperature of 36 This Morning Equaled Lowest Point in History.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES.

7 o'clock	37	11 o'clock	59
8 o'clock	43	12 o'clock	61
9 o'clock	49	1 o'clock	62
10 o'clock	56	2 o'clock	65

The temperature at 6 o'clock this morning was 36—the coldest in the history of the local weather bureau with the exception of 1895 when another 36 was recorded.

At St. Joseph, Mo., just a short distance from Topeka, the thermometer went down to 32—the coldest in the United States in the last twenty-four hours.

The forecast calls for warmer weather. An area of low pressure is working this way and will sweep over Kansas tonight bringing the mercury up to 75 Saturday afternoon.

No rain has been reported in the state in the last twenty-four hours. Topeka was the coldest spot in Kansas and despite the sunshine the thermometer only registered 56 at 11

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PLENTY OF GAS

Consumers' Company Reports Ample Supply for Topeka.

Warns Against Use for Heating Purposes, Tho.

Topekans got their first taste of what it will mean to depend upon natural gas for heating this winter when the sudden drop in temperature came Tuesday night. The gas pressure grew steadily less until Thursday night, when the majority of local families had to eat cold suppers and go to bed to keep warm.

Good Supply for Cooking.

L. G. Treleaven, receiver for the Consumers' Light, Heat & Power company, local, distributors, stated today that there will be plenty of gas for cooking this winter provided people do not try to use it for heating. He said he had a talk with John M. Landon, receiver for the Kansas Natural, at Minneapolis and that Landon told him he had closed a contract with the Wichita Natural to deliver him 40,000,000 cubic feet a day this winter. Landon said if he received half this amount he could give good service this winter, Treleaven stated.

Pressure Low at Times.

"I don't look for any serious trouble this winter," Treleaven said, "altho there may be times when the pressure will be low. But the first cold spell always is the worst, for people are caught unprepared and every one uses gas for heating. However, as soon as Topekans begin to get up their coal stoves and more gas is turned into the mains, the trouble should be practically over. The service may not be quite as good as last winter but I do not look for it to be as bad as three years ago, when we had so much trouble. Above all, I wish to warn everyone not to try to use gas for heating."

May Ask Rate Increase.

The Kansas Natural is now collecting 35 cents per thousand cubic feet from the local distributing company at the city gates, Treleaven said. The hearing on the local company's application for an injunction to prevent the order of the industrial court allowing the Kansas Natural the increase from being enforced is now in progress in the federal court at Minneapolis. Treleaven said in the event the application is granted there will be no danger of the Kansas Natural holding back the gas from the mains, because Topeka is now paying more than the southern cities. If any favoritism was shown, he predicted, it will be shown Topeka.

In the event the application is denied, it is probable that the local company will ask an increase in the rates to consumers.

BACK TO NORMAL

Decline in Prices Not Due for Halt Very Soon.

Chicago Grocers Say Cut on Food Already 25 Per Cent.

Chicago, Oct. 1.—Returns of all commodities to normal prices is indicated in the record crops thruout the United States, Joseph P. Griffin, former president of the Chicago board of trade, declared today.

"Wise men of industry, while animated somewhat by other factors, saw nothing that so surely pointed to the return of normal conditions in all lines than the perfectly natural decline of grain prices in the face of abundant crop prospects," the statement said.

Griffin praised the grain exchanges as important factors in bridging the uncertain period of readjustment.

Food prices here have declined 25 per cent in the last four weeks, wholesale grocers declared.

"Nothing can stop the declines until a level is reached approximating normal," they said.

Cut Auto Cost $1,350.

New York, Oct. 1.—The Dow Jones financial agency reported today that the Hares Motors, operating company for the Mercer, Locomobile and Simplex companies, had announced a reduction of $1,350 in standard Locomobile cars and $1,000 in standard Mercer models.

Tire Prices Reduced.

New York, Oct. 1.—Reductions of from 15 to 20 per cent in automobile tire prices were announced today by the Lee Tire & Rubber company.

Only Dairy Products Stay Up.

Madison, Wis., Oct. 1.—Food prices in Wisconsin fell off considerably during September, the state division of markets which has just conducted a survey of price conditions in the state, announced today. Dairy products were the only exception.

Flour in New Drop.

Minneapolis, Oct. 1.—For the first time since September, 1919, family patent flour sold under the $12 per barrel mark at some of the mills today. At one point mill flour dropped 50 cents, to $11.90 a barrel, while at another large flouring concern, a reduction from $12.50 to $12.15 was made.

But Milk Goes Higher.

St. Louis, Oct. 1.—Coincident with a 12 per cent wage increase granted drivers, a number of local dairying companies today announced the retail price of milk would be increased from 16 to 17 cents a quart. The drivers formerly received $29 a week.

Wichita Packers Cut Prices.

Wichita, Kan., Oct. 1.—Wichita packers today announced a reduction effective immediately of from 2 to 4 cents a pound in the wholesale prices of pork—or a cut of about 10 per cent.

Cleveland, Oct. 1.—Prices were reduced from 10 to 15 per cent on fruits, meats and vegetables today by members of the Cleveland Restaurant association.

OPEN PORT BILL PASSED

Texas House Votes 86 to 20 in Favor of Governor's Strike Law.

Austin, Texas, Oct. 1.—The Texas house today passed its open port bill carrying the Williams amendments applying it to common carriers. The house vote was 86 to 20.

The senate previously passed the Hobby open ports bill which did not include the Williams provisions.

Both open ports bills were aimed primarily at situations like the longshoremen's strike at Galveston. They provide use of state Rangers in handling strikes, suspension of local authorities if the state sees fit, and jail and prison sentences for interference with strikebreakers.

The house bill will go to the senate for action on the amendments, and then probably to conference if the senate does not concur.

Dempsey Wants Willard Bout.

Toledo, Oct. 1.—Heavyweight Champion Jack Dempsey and his manager, Jack Kearns, are here for the purpose of consulting A. O. Thatcher regarding a Dempsey-Willard fight in Toledo. It was Thatcher who induced Tex Rickard to stage the first Willard-Dempsey fight here last year.

POLES CRUSHED SOVIET FORCES

Poles Effectually Block Soviet Try at Fall Drive.

Bolsheviki Now Nearly Back Where They Started.

BOLSHEVIKI KILL LEADERS

Surrender After Murdering Those Who Opposed It.

Wrangel Forces in South Russia Capture Kharkov.

Warsaw, Oct. 1.—The Polish communique today reported continuation of the advance east of Lemberg. The staffs of the 55th and 57th Bolshevik divisions were captured in that region.

The advance thru the marshes of Pinsk continued. The Poles claimed rout of the Sixth soviet army and occupied the railway at Sarny. Twelve thousand prisoners were captured when the Russians fled from Lida.

The Bolshevists evacuated Slonim.

Blocks Fall Drive.

The defeat of the Russians on the Polish northern front seems virtually complete. The soviet troops are reported fleeing eastward in disorder in an effort to avoid being surrounded by the Poles, who are in close pursuit.

The Poles' victory is declared by military experts to eliminate any chance of the Bolsheviki launching the fall offensive which War Minister Trotzky was credited with planning to drive the Poles back from the territory they occupied after the failure of the soviet attempts to capture Warsaw.

Reds Kill Leaders.

The advices from the front report that one Russian division surrendered to the Poles after having murdered all the commissaries with it who tried to compel the troops to offer resistance. Tonight's communique declares the Bolsheviki all along the northern front were whipped unmercifully, much to the discouragement of their commanders. The commander of the 3rd Bolsheviki army committed suicide, it is asserted, when he realized that his command had been smashed.

In giving details of the advance, the communique reports that Posen troops, sweeping eastward, took the railway junction of Baranovitchi, north of the Pinsk marshes, the key to the old German trench line. With it a quantity of war material was taken.

Polish Cavalry Far Ahead.

South of the Pripet the Russians have been pushed back across the river Slutsch.

Polish cavalry operating in Volhynia has made rapid progress in a southeasterly direction and has occupied Novograd-Volynsk about midway between Iusk and Kiev.

This afternoon's reports show that the Poles are less than 25 miles from Vilna, the Lithuanian capital, and their advance is continuing.

Anti-Forces Take Kharkov.

Constantinople, Sept. 30.—Kharkov, an important city in southern Russia, 250 miles north of the Sea of Azov, has been captured by anti-Bolsheviki forces commanded by General Baron Wrangel.

The capture of this city, together with the advance of Polish and Ukrainian forces west of Kiev, is considered here as having imperilled the communications of Russian soviet troops in the vicinity of Nikolaiev, near Odessa.

Back Where They Started.

Paris, Oct. 1.—Bolshevik troops who nearly strangled Warsaw in their advance last August, now will be forced to retire almost to their starting line, French military experts said today.

Immediate retreat by the Reds to the Vilna-Minsk-Gomel line was forecast by observers.

Brazilian Schooner Is Wrecked.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 1.—The Brazilian schooner Thomas H. Pollard foundered near Cape Henry early today. Life savers rescued the crew.

CUMMINGS TO KANSAS

Former Chairman of Democratic Committee to Visit State.

Homer S. Cummings of Connecticut, former chairman of the Democratic national committee, is coming to Kansas for two days. He will speak in this state October 18-19 under the direction of the state committee. His speaking appointments have not been determined.

Homer S. Cummings, who comes to Kansas to speak for the Democrats.

John S. Rutledge of Ohio, is coming to the state next week for the Republican committee. His dates include: Monday night, Riley; Tuesday, Minneapolis; Wednesday, Glen Elder; Thursday, Concordia, afternoon, Salina, night.

TOPEKA YOUTHS HELD ON FILLING STATION HOLDUP

L. Taylor, 20, and M. V. Parry, 18, Arrested at 1:30 a. m.

Charged With Robbing Long Oil Company Last Night.

YOUNG MEN DENY CHARGES

Taylor, However, Is Identified by Victim, Police Say.

Prisoners Are Sons of Prominent Families Here.

Lewis Taylor, 20, son of E. R. Taylor of Grantville, one of the wealthiest nurserymen in Kansas, and M. V. Parry, jr., 18, of 1438 Van Buren, salesman, son of a traveling salesman, were arrested at 1:30 o'clock this morning at the Y. M. C. A. by the Topeka police and are being held at police headquarters charged by the police with holding up and robbing three employes of the Long Oil company, Tenth and Topeka avenues, at 11 o'clock last night.

Taylor, police say, has been positively identified by William Kern, one of the oil company's employes, as the youth who held a gun in his face last night while another youth went thru the pockets of Kern, John Fitch and R. B. Swartz.

"There is no doubt about my identification," Kern said today. "I have known young Taylor for a long time and recognized him immediately despite the fact that he wore a handkerchief over the lower part of his face."

"Kern was in a little wash room when the two men rushed into the filling station," said Fitch today. "They were both calm when they held their guns on us. But when Kern stepped out of the wash room, the man he identified as Taylor began to tremble."

The arrest was made by Capt. Maurice Leonard, Detective E. D. Glynn and Clarence Bundy, patrol driver, after Kern described the two youths to officers Taylor's name. From the first, Kerr was certain that one of the hold-up men was Taylor.

Young Men Deny It.

The young men were found in bed in a room at the Y. M. C. A., where young Taylor has been living while his parents were in Colorado. They denied any complicity in the hold-up. When the officers searched the room they failed to find any revolver. But in a pocket of one of Taylor's suits, they found a $10 bill, a $5 and two $1 bills wadded together. Employes of the filling station stated that part of the money taken by the hold-up men last night was $17 in bills paid there earlier in the evening by C. C. Davis, 1172 Woodward avenue.

Police this morning called on Davis and showed him the bills found in Taylor's pockets.

Same Amount in Bills.

"That is the exact amount I paid at the filling station," Davis said, "and the bills were arranged just as they are now."

Young Taylor absolutely denies any knowledge of the affair. He told officers today that he took Miss Jessie Elliott, 921 Topeka avenue, to the first show at the Novelty theater and then went home with her, returning about 10 o'clock.

"Then I went to my room and later went down to the Cremerie restaurant for something to eat," Taylor said today. "When I returned Parry was in bed. He had been to a dance."

Taylor didn't appear nervous when he talked to police officers today. He fumbled a package of cigaret papers continually as he explained his actions during the night.

Said He Sold Silk Shirts.

"That money you found was money I received from some boys to whom I sold some of my silk shirts," he said. "I planned to start going to Washburn and needed some money for some books."

The police say Taylor owns a dozen or more silk shirts, which were found in his rooms. He has several suits of clothes and his father—Taylor referred to him as "my old man"—has four motor cars. The police stated that Taylor had been arrested repeatedly for speeding on Topeka streets.

"My old man gives me an allowance of $15 a week," Taylor said today. "I went to business college a while this summer and worked a little."

Taylor is a picturesque youth of the present day. His overcoat is covered with fancy buttons. The coat is form fitting. His hat was placed rakishly on his head and every detail of his personal appearance was immaculate.

Parry in Debt to Boys.

Young Parry also denied any complicity in the hold-up. He said he worked a while this summer for Warren M. Crosby but, of late, has been doing nothing and has been staying at the Y. M. C. A. with young Taylor.

"My folks have been out of town for several weeks," said Parry. "I am in debt to some of the boys but not very much."

Parry said that he and young Taylor spent their afternoons in the various pool halls of the city.

The police today were giving the boys gruelling cross examinations.

A total of $50 in bills and $500 in checks were taken from the filling station last night by the hold-up men. The checks have not been found.

Public Ledger Buys the Press.

Philadelphia, Sept. 30.—The Public Ledger company of which Cyrus H. K. Curtis is president, announced today that it had purchased the Philadelphia Press, and that the paper will be consolidated with the Morning Public Ledger. The Press will cease publication after tomorrow.

Baseball Results Today

National League.

First game:		R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	000 000 001	1	4	0
New York	100 011 000	3	10	2

Batteries: Pfeffer, Mamaux and Krueger; Douglas and Smith.

Umpires: Rigler and Klem.