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In all probability the great British fleet which has finally been discovered by the newspaper men to be safe and sound somewhere will keep on "waiting" for a chance to strike the German fleet. But there is a good deal of myth about the knocking of opportunity. The man who does things usually goes out to do them. Had George Dewey waited for the Spanish fleet to come out of Manila harbor, he'd probably be waiting yet.

And it must also be that the longest way around is the cheapest way there. An immense shipment of American butter to China has recently reached Hongkong after making the journey by way of Australia.

This has also been a bad little year in Kansas to popularize the cultivation of drouth-resisting sorghums. Still, the wise farmer will plant some of his acres to such crops. Diversified farming is the only kind that is a certain money-maker year in and year out.

Grade crossings held high carnival on Sunday. In different parts of the country no less than fourteen persons were killed when the automobiles in which they were riding were struck by railway trains. And the probabilities are that most of the blame for these casualties rests on the erstwhile motorists. There is seldom an occasion for an automobilist to take a chance at a railway crossing.

What has become of the old-fashioned crusade to place a ban on the playing of football?

No doubt about it now. Summer is here at last. And it feels pretty good, too.

Topeka's whirlwind finishing Savages managed to win or cinch the Western League pennant after all—but, unfortunately, for Des Moines. However, the Topeka team played good ball all season and finished in a position of honor. And it is to be hoped that Mr. Savage will see his way clear to try his luck with the Topeka team for at least one more year.

It is to be hoped that the girls who are possessed of their new fur-trimmed fall suits, and are wearing them, of course, have been able to keep comfortably warm in them during the past few days. At any rate, they looked as if they might.

A contemporary eloquently remarks that the invasion of Belgium was a blow directed at humanity, notes the Cleveland Plain Dealer, and it adds: Unhappily for Belgium, it got in the way when the blow was struck.

One thing seems certain about the European war. The several Balkan states that are not yet in it are taking their time about joining forces with the Allies.

If a censorship has been placed on talk by Germans respecting the industrial status of their country, it would seem reasonable to urge that it is not in a very desirable condition. Nor is there any reason on the face of the earth why it should be.

Albany, N. Y., is probably praying that history will not repeat in respect to its street car strike. They had one in Albany a dozen or fifteen years ago, when it was necessary to call state troops to suppress the rioting, and as usual a number of innocent bystanders were killed.

CANALIZED EMOTIONS.

The world seems to be full of what may be called canalized emotions, suggests Randolph S. Bourne, in the September Atlantic, and he goes on: One is "supposed" to love one's aunt or one's grandfather in a certain definite way at the risk of being "unnatural." One gets almost a sense of the quantitative measurement of emotions. Perhaps the greatest tragedy of family life is the useless energy that is expended by the dutiful in keeping these artificial channels open, and the correct amount of current running. It is exactly this that produces most infallibly the rebellion of the younger generation. To hear that one ought to love this or that person; or to hear loyalty spoken of, as the older generation so often speaks of it, as if it consisted in an allegiance to something which one no longer believes in—this is what soonest liberates those forces of madness and revolt which bewilder spiritual teachers and guides. It is exactly those dry channels of duty and obligation through which no living waters of emotion flow that it is the ideal of the younger generation to break up. They will have no network of emotional canals which are not brimming, no duties which are not equally loves.

WILSON'S ECONOMY WEAK.

The net balance in the national treasury August 30 was $52,723,742 as compared with a balance of $127,211,118 on the corresponding date two years ago when revenue laws and appropriations enacted by Republican administrations were in effect. The deficit for the first two months of the present fiscal year is $29,217,775. Were President Wilson's economic policies only as strong as are his foreign policies, with the possible exception of his Mexican one, he would, indeed, be a most remarkable president.

COMPULSORY SERVICE.

There are doubtless in this country some who are prepared to urge the adoption of the European system of universal military service at the present time, writes Major General John F. O'Ryan in the North American Review for September, and he continues: In the last analysis such a system can only be justified on the ground of necessity, and such necessity does not exist in the case of the United States. The ideal government is that which interferes least with the liberties and happiness of its good citizens, and a military system which in time of peace abducts young men from their families and forces them into the army upon attaining a prescribed age constitutes a serious interference with the individual and the family order of things. If we should so regulate the system of conscription as to provide for a standing army of but 500,000 men, or in fact any number less than the maximum attainable by conscription, then we would cease to have universal service and the system would fall down. It would fall down because it would cease to be universal. It is to be remembered that in a system of universal military service the soldiers are not paid. The few cents a day allowed them constitutes a commutation of tobacco and other non-necessities. All the male population serve; so that in the end all strive in civil life under the same handicap of required military service. If we were to adopt what some are pleased to call a modified form of univeral military service, it would be in effect a limited universal service,—which, as the term indicates, would be anomalous. When enforced military service ceases to be universal in its application, favoritism results. Those relieved from service will have advantages in the start of the industrial struggle for existence, or, if they do not, those who serve will believe it to be so, and discontent will result. Pay would soon be demanded by those who serve, on the plea that those who are relieved should be assessed to compensate those who are rendering the service. The force, if paid, would become a mercenary professional army, and the cost of such an institution would stagger even a government as rich as ours.

MURDER SOON AVENGED

Two Mexican Bandits Who Slew Americans Are Put to Death.

Brownsville, Sept. 8.—Two Mexican bandits were caught and killed near Fresno, about twenty miles north of here, yesterday. An American who was caught and held a prisoner by the same bandits, who killed two Americans last week, identified these two Mexicans. This American was asked by the peace officers:

"Do you know these men?"

"Yes," he replied. "They worked for me a month ago."

"When did you last see them?"

"Last week," the American replied.

"What were they doing?"

"Holding me prisoner," the American replied.

This ended the obtainable reports of the incident. The next known of the Mexicans was a report of their death.

GOLD CARGO SHRINKS

Morgan Says Third Shipment of Yellow Metal Is $19,465,00.

New York, Sept. 8.—Great Britain's third shipment of gold to the United States within five weeks, placed today in the sub-treasury here, amounted to $19,465,000, and not approximately $66,000,000, as reported yesterday from Portland, Me., according to an official statement today by J. P. Morgan and company, the consignees.

No statement was made officially as to the value of the American securities accompanying the gold, but these were reported to be worth approximately $30,000,000, making the total value of the shipment about $50,000,000.

SHAKEUP AT ANNAPOLIS

Heads of Departments Sent Elsewhere; Echo of Late Probe.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Secretary Daniels today announced a general reorganization of the forces of the naval academy at Annapolis. Heads of nearly all departments were ordered detached for duty elsewhere the changes to be effective Sept. 20.

The re-organization is a result of the recent investigation of the academy.

Prize Cattle to Slaughter.

Chicago, Sept. 8.—Mrs. Scott Durand's $50,000 herd of Guernsey cattle on Crabtree farm near Lake Bluff, must be slaughtered because of foot and mouth disease, Mrs. Durand was informed today. The cattle, numbering 60, are said to be the finest herd of Guernseys in America.

AMERICAN SLAIN?

Report Says U. S. Citizen Was Hesperian Victim.

Lansing Cables Gerard for Report on Sinking.

Queenstown, Sept. 8.—It has been established that an American named Wolff was lost on the Hesperian. Wolff signed as an able seaman of the Hesperian's crew. He came from Newark, N. J., and was of Dutch parentage.

London, Sept. 8.—Wesley Frost, American consul at Queenstown, informed the American embassy today that he had received an unconfirmed report that one of the missing sailors of the Hesperian was an American citizen. Thus far Mr. Frost has been unable to verify the report.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Secretary Lansing today cabled Ambassador Gerard at Berlin to forward any information available on the sinking of the steamer Hesperian. A state department dispatch from London indicating that one American lost is so inconclusive that officials do not accept it as final.

Queenstown, Sept. 8.—There is absolutely no doubt that a gun was masked on the Hesperian. It is understood the gun was visible to all who cared to look at it, no secret being made of its presence.

BILLION BUSHEL CROP

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ten year average. Indicated acre yield 16.8 bushels, compared with 11.8 last year and 13.3 the 1909-13 average.

Corn: Condition 78.8 per cent of a normal, compared with 79.5 last month, 71.7 last year and 78.8 the ten year average. Indicated acre yield 27.3 bushels, compared with 25.8 last year and 25.9 the 1909-13 average.

Oats: Condition 91.1 per cent of a normal, compared with 91.6 last month, 75.8 last year and 78.1 the ten year average. Indicated acre yield 30.0 bushels, compared with 29.7 last year and 30.6, the 1909-13 average.

Barley: Condition 94.2 per cent of a normal, compared with 93.8 last month, 82.4 last year and 79.7 the ten year average. Indicated acre yield 30.2 bushels, compared with 25.8 last year and 24.3, the 1909-13 average.

Buckwheat: Condition 88.6 per cent of a normal, compared with 92.6 last month, 87.1 last year and 84.9 the ten year average. Indicated acre yield 21.9 bushels, compared with 31.3 last year and 20.5, the 1909-13 average.

White potatoes: Condition 82.1 per cent of a normal, compared with 92.0 last month, 75.8 last year and 76.4, the ten year average. Indicated acre yield 108.8 bushels, compared with 109.5 last year and 97.1 the 1909-13 average.

Sweet potatoes: Condition 87.5 per cent of a normal, compared with 92.0 last month, 75.8 last year and 76.4 the ten year average. Indicated acre yield 98.9 bushels, compared with 93.8 last year and 92. 7, the 1909-13 average.

Tobacco: Condition 80.7 per cent of a normal, compared with 79.7 last month, 71.4 last year and 79.4 the ten year average. Indicated acre yield 850 pounds, compared with 845.7 last year and 815.1 the 1909-13 average.

Flax: Condition 87.6 per cent of a normal, compared with 91.2 last month, 72.9 last year and 79.1 the ten year average. Indicated acre yield 9.7 bushels, compared with 8.3 last year and 7.8 the 1909-13 average.

Rice: Condition 82.3 per cent of a normal, compared with 90.0 last month, 88.9 last year, and 88.6 the ten year average. Indicated acre yield 32.0 bushels, compared with 34.1 last year and 33.3, the 1909-13 average.

Hay: Indicated acre yield 1.59 tons, compared with 1.43 last year and 1.34 tons, the 1909-13 average.

Apples: Condition 62 per cent of a normal, compared with 61.5 last month, 61.9 last year and 53.3 the ten year average.

The crop reporting board's next general report will be issued on Thursday, October 7.

DEATH IN FLOOD.

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are under way here. Charles F. Scott, former congressman, is in charge of the latter.

Mr. Scott directed the distribution in Belgium of Kansas contributions to the war sufferers, several months ago.

TWO DEAD AT FORT SCOTT.

Property Damage in That City More Than $250,000.

Fort Scott Kan., Sept 8.—Two deaths and more than $250,000 damage to property was the latest estimate of the toll of yesterday's storm in this city. J. T. Jones, for many years master mechanic at the Frisco shops here, and an unknown negro are the only two deaths recorded at 1 o'clock today. Jones drowned yesterday when his horse and carriage were swept away about a mile north of the city.

The river is still higher than it has ever been before, but has fallen about ten feet since yesterday. North Fort Scott is still isolated, the bridge having been washed away. Boatmen are extending what relief they can to the people who are still marooned. Many are imprisoned in the upper stories of their homes and are being supplied with food.

About 1,000 persons are homeless and churches, school buildings and vacant houses have been fitted up for their accommodation. Rescue parties headed by the mayor and Commercial club are working day and night and have the situation well in hand.

As soon as the river falls sufficiently a temporary bridge will replace the one washed out. Train service is still demoralized. Both the Katy and Frisco have been unable to operate through here. The Frisco officials expect to be able to get trains through by tonight.

Western Union Stock Up.

New York, Sept. 8.—Directors of the Western Union today declared a quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent placing its tsock on a five per cent basis, as against the more recent rate of 4 per cent.

Pittsburg Is Cut Off.

Pittsburg, Kan., Sept. 8.—Pittsburg has received no mail from Kansas City and the east since yesterday morning at 6:30 o'clock. A train is expected this afternoon over the Santa Fe by way of Chanute. Direct train service to Kansas City has been interrupted by the Marmaton flood.

MILLS REORGANIZATION

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will be handled by stockholders of the old company under their original lease or turned back to the building company for direct operation.

Increase Stock.

It is stated by officers of the new company that the shelf stock will be increased from its present invoice of about $175,000 to nearly $400,000. Much of this new stock will be purchased this fall. O. P. Hagan of Sioux City, Ia., will have charge of the business office and direct the financial affairs of the new corporation. He will make his home permanently in Topeka.

Broad Policy of New Firm.

Both P. O. Hagan and A. P. McKown, general manager of the new company, expressed enthusiasm today concerning the business outlook in Topeka. Frank M. Pelletier, president of the Mills Stores company and principal stockholder in the reorganized company, is backing his faith in Topeka by planning the immediate doubling of the store's shelf stock.

It is Pelletier's plan to remain in Topeka until the plans of the new management are inaugurated. He will continue to make his home in Sioux City, but will visit Topeka frequently and operate the Topeka store along the same lines as his big Iowa store.

That extensive increases in the stock will be made and a possible increase in floor space required, was admitted today.

Pleased With Outlook.

"We are immensely pleased with the outlook in Topeka," said Hagan, "and will at once more than double the stock of the store. We plan to carry a shelf stock of from $400,000 to $500,000 and will make extensive increases in all departments. Several new departments may be added later, including furniture. But our first move will be to develop all of our departments."

For Mail Order Business.

"It is the plan of the company not only to increase our local retail trade, but to make a bid for a greater mail order business. In the main we will follow the policies of the old company, combined with politices of the Sioux City store. Details of our plans must, though, be worked out gradually as we acquaint ourselves with conditions in the territory."

Mr. Mills' Good Career.

W. W. Mills, president of the Mills Dry Goods company, will no longer be identified with the firm. He has sold all his stock to the new owners. Mills came to Topeka in 1883 and established a dry goods store at 726 Kansas avenue. His father came to Topeka from Michigan a year or so later and for several years was engaged in business with his son here. Later the store was removed to 723 Kansas avenue and in 1911 the present structure of the Mills store at Ninth and Kansas avenue was built.

Mr. Mills has been prominent here in many lines. He is a director of Washburn college and is a leading factor in several other organizations. He has long been a friend of Topeka institutions.

Until recently, it is stated, the stockholders of the Mills company were paid regular annual or semi-annual dividends on their stock. Some of the original shareowners it is reported, have received in dividends more than the amount of their original investment.

Mr. W. W. Mills, in a long career here, has won many warm friends by his enterprise, public spirit and liberality, engaging personality and high character. If he decides to establish himself again in a business way in Topeka he will find helping hands and a patronage ready for him.

List of Stockholders.

Non-resident stockholders owning more than ten shares and Topeka stockholders and face values of their shares are as follows:

Isaac Adams, Manila, P. I., $4,070; Mrs. A. L. Adams, Oakland, Cal., $17,600; P. H. Adams, 621 Topeka avenue, Topeka, $412; Mrs. Minnie W. Alexander, Manhattan, Kan., $2,950; Anna L. Bacon, Chicago, Ill., $2,000; Annis L. A. Baird, Korea., $2,062.50; M. E. Bates, 510 West Sixth, Topeka, $850; Mrs. W. W. Bollard, 1419 College, Topeka, $750; Mrs. Edith B. Bowen, 801 Western, Topeka, $300; David Bowie, North Topeka, $2,750; Annie M. Parry Bundy, 722 Kansas avenue, Topeka, $550; Mrs. Elizabeth Parry, 722 Kansas avenue, Topeka, $550; Nathan K. Candee, Kansas City, Mo., $1,650; Olive S. Candee, Kansas City, Mo., $2,400; Lillian Carr, 709 West Sixth, Topeka, $200; Mrs. W. R. Carrie, Topeka, $650; Anna S. Crane, Topeka, $3,700; Mollie R. Davis, Topeka, $650; Mrs. Mary Cindel, 1430 Polk, Topeka, $600; Dr. Clay E. Coourn, Kansas City, Kan., $1,750; F. D. Coburn, 424 Topeka, $3,300; Mrs. F D. Coburn, 424 Topeka, $3,200; F. A. Crawford, 509 West Sixth, Topeka, $120; Rose Potter Crist, Denver, Col., $1,100; George J. Crosman, 1321 Harrison, Topeka, $2,200; Hattie M. Crosman, 1321 Harrison, $7,070; Evan David, 1400 Topeka avenue, $8,520; Katherine W. David, 1400 Topeka avenue, $400; Elizabeth Davis, same, $750; Mary H. Davis, same, $100; Ivor E. David, same, $650; Alice A. Davis, same, $100; Dean T. Davis, same, $550; Mrs. Mary Davis, 1106 West Eighth, Topeka, $300; Elizabeth Davis, same, $550; Mrs. T. F. Doran, 125 Western avenue, Topeka, $3,200; R. H. Downes, 335 Western avenue, $240; Frank Dunning, executor, Bedford, Ia., $1,530; Charles W. Emery, Philadelphia, $2,500; Mrs. Charles W. Emery, same, $4,326.50; Jacob A. Emery, same, $650; William Mills, same, $200; Jacob Emery, Danville, Ill., $7,150; Ione Emley, Ottawa, Kan., $1,900; Lulu P. Fordyce, 1100 Taylor, Topeka, $550; T. F. Garver, 715 Harrison, Topeka, $2,950; Mrs. T. F. Garver, same, $1,400; John D Garver, same, $650; Mary S. Rupp, same, $200; Grace M. Sheleigh, same $200; Elizabeth B. Sheleigh, same, $200; Mrs. R. B. Gemmell, 119 East Eighth, Topeka, $4,190; Mrs. A. F. Gibbs, Topeka, $1,300; Emma M. Grief, 417 Polk, $550; S. T. Grimes, 1421 Jewell avenue, $1,100; I. M. Harkins, 612 Taylor, $200; L. Harkins, same, $400; Lida Havens, 217 Elmwood, $300; Ellen H. Heartburg, 1216 Clay, $100; Anna H. Heartburg, same, $100; Mabel King Herr, 722 Taylor, $300; Anna A. Holcombs, Ringoes, N. J., $2,890; Mrs. Hulett, same, $300; C. E. Hulett, 813 Kansas avenue, $1,400; Mrs. Hulett, same, $750; Effie J. Hulett, same, $200; R. R. Jones, 709 Clay, $650; A. D. Kendall, Valley Falls $7,900; Josephine Kitts, Ottawa, Kan., $2,500; Letitia Lambe, Los Angeles, Cal., $3,870; Mrs. M. Lamy, Topeka, $650; J. B. Larimer, Topeka, $200; J. B. Larimer, trustee, $5,290; W. B. Lowrance, 1331 Clay, $1,100; Mary Lowrance-Nelson, same, $400; Elizabeth B. Lowry, 1201 Fillmore, $550; Mayme Marquis, 709 West Sixth, $1,200; Mrs. Charles McClintock, 721 Monroe, $300; Mrs. Ray C. McClintock, 1313 Fillmore, $6,000; Helen McClintock, same, $200; Gertrude McClintock-Whitcomb, same, $200; Frances McClintock-Shoemaker, same, $200; Mary Griffin, 700 Horn street, $950; Mrs. E. G. McPherson, Howell, Mich., $3,800; M. J. McPherson, same, $6,600; Mrs. William McPherson, same, $650; Josephine Mendum, 1318 Buchanan, $2,520; H. G. Merrill, Red Bluff, Cal., $3,065; Emma W. Mills, 1126 Topeka, $920; A. McP. Mills, jr., same, $120; Elizabeth Mills, 1302 Topeka, $100; Isabelle Mills, same, $500; W. W. Mills, same, $36,510; Hobart A. Mills, St. Louis, $500; Dr. W. M. Mills, 300 Greenwood avenue, $300; J. C. Mohler, 1224 Fillmore, $750; Nancy C. Moulton, Ingleside Home, Topeka, $250; Theressa Mulhall, 1107 West Eighth, $650; Harry Nyce, Peru, Ind., $1,650; Rosa Nyce, same, $2,750; Thomas Page, Topeka, $5,500; David Page, Topeka, $2,750; A. S. Perkins, Delphos, O., $2,600; Mary G. Perley, Woodstock, Conn., $2,000; Emma W. Port, 220 West Tenth, $1,200; Amelia C. Price, Harriett A. Price and H. R. Price, Topeka, each $100; Ruth Price, 721 Monroe, $900; W. S. Reeder, 1109 Jackson, $650; Viola Reynolds, 802 Clay, $200; Edith A. Robinson, 1309 Van Buren, $650; Mrs. John Sargent, 225 Clay, $650; Mrs. George Spear, 619 Monroe, $100; Alice McPherson-Spencer, Howell, Mich, $1,650; Jennie Startzman, 700 Taylor, $200; Mary A. Steele, 1634 College, $412; L. G. Thorpe, 1620 Harrison, $2,300; W. L. Trump, 1254 Van Buren, $5,770; Robert K. Trump, same, $600; Mary J. Wasson, Ottawa, Kan., $7,260; Mrs. R. E. Weaver, Emporia, Kan., $1,300; Mrs. C. S. Whitlock, Topeka, $400; W. B. Whitten, 308 West Eighth, $3,010; Lida Wingert, 1714 Clay, $240; Mary Wingert, same, $1,830; O. J. Wood, 1217 Tyler, $2,400; Mrs. O. J. Wood, same, $1,650; Jennie E. Woodford, 1269 Washburn, $800; Ruth B. Woodford, same, $900; Mrs. J. L. Work, 1112 Topeka, $600.

Officers of Old Firm.

Officers of the Mills Building, capitalized at $200,000, are W. W. Mills, president; and David Bowie, secretary-treasurer. Directors are W. W. Mills, Thomas Page, A. A. Robinson, David Bowie, Topeka; and A. D. Kendall, Valley Falls. There are 84 stockholders, among whom are divided the 2,000 shares of stock. The principal stockholders are: Thomas Page Milling company, $10,000; A. A. Robinson, Topeka, $40,000; Thomas Page, $30,500; David G. Page, $10,000, David Bowie, $15,500; Scott Hopkins, $5,000; Josephine Norton, $5,000; A. D. Kendall, Valley Falls, $22,900; M. J. McPherson, Howell, Mich., $7,800; William McPherson, same, $5,000.

BRIDGE TRUST.

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ing bridge companies that are doing most of the business in Kansas," said Mr. Keene's report. "That the state is divided for business purposes among these bridge companies can be no question, but I have been unable to get any light or direct proof that there is an agreement existing between the bridge companies to divide the territory. I have no question that there is a tacit understanding among the bridge companies that each will keep out of the territory in which the other is to do business.

Under Systematic Control.

"Each bridge company in its own territory systematically goes about to control the business. The bridge company that has any particular territory will go to the county commissioners and ask if any bridges are to be built. The county commissioners and bridge representatives go to the place where a bridge is demanded and make a survey of the situation. Then the bridge company agrees to draw plans and specifications for a bridge to suit the situation.

"The plans prepared are of a general nature on which no bridge company can intelligently bid except the company that prepared the plans. The plans are invariably loaded, that is, they cover a lot of extra dimensions and the independent entractor that attempts to bid on the plans, makes his bid on a set of plans that has a lot of loading in it, while the bridge company that furnished the plans puts in its bid for a much lighter structure and different from the general plans submitted."

Mr. Keene submitted to the attorney general instances where plans for concrete bridges were submitted by bridge companies and the bridges built were lighter than the original specifications call for.

Pay Others to Bid.

"I am sure," said Mr. Keen, "that in a number of instances bridge companies have paid parties puttingin bids to bid out of the way and I think it can be proven that money has been paid by the company getting the contract to others who were to bid. I am also inclined to believe that we can prove that if there is some independent contractor on hand at the bidding and they are unable to get rid of him, that the bridge company that controls the territory will put in a bid at or below the cost and the loss is shared by the other bride companies controlling the state. There is beyond question an arrangement among the bridge companies not to disturb the other bridge companies in their respective territories and a bridge company that controlls the territory works all kinds of schemes to fool the county commissioners and get large prices for its work.

"I have found instances in which one bridge company made the plans for the county commissioners and while a representative was present at the letting, this company did not put in a bid; and another bridge company got the contract. As the bridge company that made the plans and did all the work did not make a charge to the county commissioners and did not even bid, they must have received money from some source or they would not make plans and specifications and be present at the letting unless they had some means of getting pay for doing the work."

KILLS WIFE'S ADMIRER

Kansas City Jeweler Held by Police in Tragic Triangle.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 8.—The police arrested Raymond Bengert, a jeweler, charged with shooting and killing William Terry, an employee of a grain company, whom the police say he found in company with his wife. After the shooting it is said the wife attacked her husband with a hat pin and later tried to kill herself with the same weapon.

The Bengerts have three children. It is said that Terry also is married and has two daughters.

Ford to Hire Ex-Convicts.

Detroit, Sept. 8.—Every discharged prisoner from Michigan state penitentiary at Jackson is going to have an opportunity to go to work in Henry Ford's automobile plant at $5 per day. To the prison authorities Ford today gave formal promise that he will put discharged inmates to work as fast as they are released from prison.

BAKERY IS ROBBED

Two Boys Are Arrested Charged With the Crime.

Were About to Catch a Train for St. Marys.

Arthur Camuse and A. Blinger, both 14 years old, decided last night that they would take a trip. This morning they were arrested at the Union Pacific station by Officer Tom Morgan, who turned them over to Ed Rooney, probation officer, for investigation on a charge of robbing the English and Heinly bakery at 1001 Topeka avenue.

The two boys, it is claimed, broke into the bakery through the roof. Six pies, some bread, five pounds of candy, three cartons of gum, smoking tobacco, $22 in money, a money order for $4.50 and two checks amounting to $5.50 were taken from the store, according to Miss Stella English, one of the proprietors of the bakery. Miss English says that she thought the boys broke into the store about 10:30 o'clock last night.

"One of the boys has been hanging around the store for several days," said Miss English. "Last Sunday night I locked the door with the key on the inside and could not get in. I had the Camuse boy climb up on the roof and let himself in through the skylight with a rope. I think that is the way the boys got in last night."

When arrested this morning the boys were just ready to get on the train for St. Marys. They had their tickets bought and were equipped with suit cases that had been stolen from their own homes. The Blinger boy lives at 916 Tyler street and the Camuse boy lives at 201 Arter avenue.

GERMANY IS SURE.

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would consider a peace offer at this time.

"Yes," he replied promptly, "if it comes from our enemies and is based on the admission that we are victors."

"Would you consider a suggestion for mediation from a neutral source; for instance, from President Wilson?" I asked.

"We would treat any such suggestion with the utmost courtesy," was the reply; "but it is my personal opinion that Germany would open negotiations only if requested directly by her enemies."

Would Placate America.

My conversations with other government officials were in a similar vein. I found a general disposition on the part of Germany to placate and cultivate America; also an apparent earnest desire to live down the terms "Huns and barbarians." Only a small minority disagreed with Ambassador Bernstorff's note to America on the Arabic. The Hesperian incident happened after I left Berlin but considering the German attitude toward the Arabic I am satisfied that all the better class of Germans deplore it.

Germans in Berlin agree that the popular attitude toward the United States has improved considerably in recent weks. Certainly I observed no evidences of any personal hostility toward America. I purposely travelled without any credentials as an American tourist speaking no German. I talked English freely on the train, at wayside stations enroute, on the streets and in the popular restaurants in Berlin without the slightest hint of insult though I heard it was not safe to use English in the smaller towns.—(Copyrighted, 1915, by United Press.)

JEWISH NEW YEAR.

Services in Celebration of the Occasion Will Begin at Sunset.

Beginning at sunset tonight services commemorating the Jewish New Year will be conducted by Jews all over the world. The services will mark the birth of the year 5676, according to the Jewish calendar and will continue through two days at all Orthodox synagogues. Jews of the reformer church observe but one day.

Services this year will be observed with unusual sincerity owing to the war which has involved practically the entire Jewish population of Europe. As a result of the war, millions of Jews in Europe are facing starvation.

In Topeka services will be held by two congregations. The congregation Bui Israel will hold services at their hall 418 Kansas avenue Services of the congregation B'ni Abraham will be held at the Bni Brith hall 110 East Sixth street.

September 18 Jews will celebrate Yom Kipper the day of atonement, the most solemn of all Jewish holidays. All Orthodox Jews will fast from sunset September 17 until sunset the following day.

FRED CLARK RESIGNS

Manager of Pittsburgh Nationals Is Coming Back to Kansas.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 8.—Barney Dreyfus, president of the Pittsburgh National league baseball club today announced that Fred Clark, manager of the club had resigned and the resignation had been accepted to take effect with the close of the present season.

"Clark has been anxious for some time to give his entire attention to his business interest in Kansas," said Dreyfus in announcing the resignation.

ROOSEVELT FOR ALLIES

Former President Praises Canadian People for Their Patriotism.

Quebec, Sept. 8.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt declared nimself emphatically on the side of the allies before leaving here for a ten days' hunting trip to Lake Edward.

The colonel expressed the greatest admiration for the patriotism of the Canadian people.

THEO. ACKERMAN DEAD

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 8.—Theodore Ackerman, one of the founders of the town of Russell, Kan., died here today. He was 66 years old. He was one of the founders of the Russell State bank, the first banking house in the new town.

In 1899 Ackerman was elected to the Kansas legislature, resigning to move to Kansas City.

He was president of a Florida land company.

HUNTING FOR LEAK

Gas Company Will Close Explosion "Barn Door."

Rebuilding of Walls Ruined by Tuesday Blaze.

Plans for the remodeling of the buildings at 603, 605 and 607 Kansas avenue, damaged by fire and explosion Tuesday morning are being held up pending the arrival of adjustors for the fire insurance companies who held policies on the buildings and stocks contained in them. Meanwhile excepting the Greenbaum Cloak and Suit company, which was completely destroyed, all the concerns affected by the fire have resumed business.

Immediately after the fire a force of men were sent by the Gas company to locate if possible any leaks from which enough gas could escape to cause an explosion as terrific as the one that caused Tuesday's havoc. A new service pipe has been laid in front of the building at 605 Kansas avenue and this afternoon a gang began tearing up the street in front of the Sixth street entrance of the Stag barber shop at Sixth and Kansas avenue. Employees in the shop have detected the presence of gas along the outside wall of the north side of the building. No gas has been detected inside the building, however.

The building at 605 Kansas avenue occupied by the Greenbaum company will be rebuilt immediately, it was stated this afternoon. It is expected that the new structure will be put up in thirty days. Meanwhile owing to difficulty in securing a complete new stock, the Greenbaum company will probably not open up temporary quarters.

The Courtney Millinery company which suffered a heavy loss on account of the fire conducted their business without a halt. The Flad Drug store, which was also badly damaged, opened this noon.

Repairs in the buildings at 603 and 607 Kansas avenue will consist mainly of interior improvements. With the exception of a small portion of the north wall of the building occupied by Flad, the walls of the two buildings are substantial, the fire marshal stated this afternoon.

MRS. GAVIN SURVIVES

English Golfer Defeats Philadelphia Woman in Chicago Match Today.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 8.— Mrs. W. A. Gavin of England, the only foreign contender, today survived the second match round of the Womens National Golf championship meet at Onwentsia club defeating Mrs. Caleb Fox of Philadelphia 3 and 2.

An upset came to prognosticators on the next match, Miss Elanor Ellen of Boston eliminating Mrs. J. V. Hurd of Pittsburg 44 and 3. Mrs. Hurd, formerly Dorothy Campbell, who held the British title once and the American twice missed several short puts.

LOCAL MENTION.

W. G. Tandy, city commissioner of streets, and family have returned from an auto trip to Gardner.

A marriage license was issued in Lawrence Monday to T. J. Curry and Miss Velma Kathryn Barkinson both of Topeka.

It will pay you to get our estimate on that lumber bill. Phone J. B. Whelan & Co., 711 E. 4th.—Adv.

The locust trees which annoyed passengers on State Hospital cars near the Potwin station have been trimmed back away from the street car track.

Joe Holman, deputy sheriff, went to Atchison this morning to bring back Winnie Thurman, colored, who is wanted here for child desertion.

Have your suit or overcoat made to measure, $17.00, at Olof Ekberg, 708 Kansas ave., second floor.—Adv.

W. A. S. Bird returned today from Belvue in Pottawatomie county where he helped organize a new drainage district which will comprise 15,000 acres of land. The farmers plan to make this place the garden spot of Kansas, Mr. Bird said.

Richard Norah, the two-year-old son of Mr. Norah, who lives at 1305 Kansas avenue, narrowly escaped serious injury today when he fell from a window fifteen feet from the ground and landed on his back. A physician was called. He was unable to discover any injuries beyond a few bruises. It is not thought that the boy will suffer any serious effects from the accident. Mr. Norah, the boy's father, is employed at the Emahizer-Spielman furniture store.

Suits dry cleaned 75c. Topeka Laundry Co. Phone 3653.—Adv.

The time to repair and paint the tin work on your house is right now, remember that such wor' cannot be done in winter or when snow or rain finally demands immediate action on your part. For expert work in this line call up John L. White, 4937 Black.—Adv.

The following births were reported at the office of the city clerk today: Edward W. Stephen and wife, 603 Western avenue, September 6, girl; Elmer C. Adkins and wife, 326 Madison street, September 7, boy; Roy O. Nelson and wife, 810 Douthitt avenue, May 16, boy; O. M. Abrahams and wife, 1716 Lincoln street, September 3, boy; James W. Campbell and wife, 1012 West Eleventh street, September 5, girl; Frederick M. Buckheim and wife, 521 West street, September 1, girl; Ray Clay and wife, 50 Oak street, August 29, girl.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

August Edelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Edelman, 547 East Gordon street, died Tuesday evening at the home of his parents. The funeral will be held at 8:15 o'clock Thursday morning at St. Joseph's German Catholic church. Interment in Mount Calvary cemetery.

William Douglass, age 60, died Tuesday night at a local hospital. The body will be taken to Denison, Kan., for burial Thursday.

The funeral of Ysidoro Ortiz, the Mexican who was shot by Cristobal Reyes Monday evening, was held at 4 o'clock this afternoon at St. Marie Mexican Catholic church. Interment in Mount Calvary cemetery.