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SATURDAY EVENING.

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FIVE CENTS.

BADDERS IS BACK

Bankrupt Topeka Clothing Merchant Returns Home.

Has Nothing to Say About His Business Affairs.

WILL TALK TO U. S. COURT

Intimates He Will Appeal Case Decided Against Him.

Creditors Not Yet Ready to Announce Next Move.

George S. Badders, president of the Badders Clothing company, returned to Topeka Friday evening and declared that he would remain in Topeka to fight the receivership for his store and would protest the sale of the stock of merchandise at 701-3 Kansas avenue under an order issued today by J. G. Slonecker, referee in bankruptcy. Badders stated today that he had been in St. Louis and explained his absence from the trial of the bankruptcy proceedings by declaring that he had not expected his case to be tried this week.

The return of Badders to Topeka at this time was admittedly a surprise to creditors and their attorneys. None of them were today willing to state what influence Badders' return would have on their future action in the case. It is believed that a conference of the attorneys and creditors will be held tonight, following W. S. McClintock's return from Kansas City. McClintock is today in Kansas City representing creditors in the fight to prevent the granting of a supersedeas bond for an appeal of the bankruptcy case to the circuit court of appeals.

Came Home in an Auto. Shortly before 7 o'clock last night Badders drove to his home at 1160 College avenue in an automobile. He stepped from the car and entered the house, where he spent the greater portion of the evening. During the evening he was in consultation with D. R. Hite, his chief counsel. Hite today stated that Badders would be permitted to demand upon him by the courts. Badders himself had little to say regarding the case.

"I am ready to respond to any legal demands upon me," said Badders in discussing his attitude in the case. Badders was asked about his recent involuntary bankruptcy case.

No Statement Now. "So far as the bankruptcy case is concerned, whatever statement I have to make, will be made before the United States court of appeals. I have no desire to try the case in the newspapers."

To his attorney, D. R. Hite, Badders stated that he had no intention of appealing. "My client had every reason to believe that the case would not be tried this week," said Hite, "and for that reason he was not present at the trial. I know Mr. Badders has been in St. Louis. He will remain here and his rights will be protected."

Asks for Receivership. Badders would be asked to return to the receivership of the case. "You can see we will contest the receivership to the last ditch," said Hite.

Summons to Appear March 18. Badders was today summoned to appear before Judge Slonecker Wednesday, March 18, and testify regarding his personal affairs in the personal bankruptcy case. Badders will be required to testify in another question.

Notices were mailed by Judge Slonecker today announcing that a meeting of the creditors of the Badders company would be held in his office March 18 and that a trustee would be appointed and the bankrupt president of the clothing company examined. The notice further states that the trustee would be sold to the highest bidder at that time and if not sold on the date set, arrangements made for a subsequent public or private sale; the stock to be delivered free and clear of encumbrance and without further notice to creditors. Unless Badders further delays in the case, the action of Judge Slonecker March 18, will terminate the Badders company receivership.

Officials Won't Discuss Next Move. Neither George A. Clark, receiver for the company, nor attorneys for creditors nor United States District Attorney Fred Robertson would discuss the next move in the Badders case. While Robertson would not discuss the possible interference of the government in the Badders affairs, it is known that creditors and their attorneys have conferred with Robertson since the beginning of the bankruptcy proceedings.

U. S. Won't Without Complaint. It is not believed that the government will take a hand in the case unless formal complaint is made by creditors. This the creditors have so far failed to do.

Creditors Ask for New Order. Representatives of creditors of the Badders company appeared before Judge Pollock in Kansas City today asking for an order to turn Badders' personal property over to creditors to cover debts of the clothing company. The order sought by creditors includes the right to seize upon cash or private accounts of the Topeka merchant for the benefit of creditors. No action was taken by Judge Pollock. He assigned the case to Judge Van Valkenburg to be heard Monday in St. Joseph, Mo. It is probable that both Badders and his attorneys will attend this hearing, although it is not believed that Judge Van Valkenburg will seek to force Badders to testify before passing on the motion.

An Interview with Badders. Determined, silent, but still in the best of his characteristic spirits, George S. Badders, president of the Badders Clothing company and defendant in the recent sensational receivership suit, spent a busy eight hours in Topeka today. In a declaration of his refusal to make any statements for publication concerning the condition of his business and the civil suits hanging over him, Badders good naturedly waived an order to request for information from friends.

Badders admits but one thing—he

is back in Topeka, the home of his youth, his education and his parents and family, to face whatever "music" might be played by creditors and their attorneys. He gives no explanation for his absence from the city during the trial in the United States district court, makes no promises concerning his future action in relation to the disposition of his business and fortifies all secrets of counsel with the stern statement:

"I am back in Topeka, living at home and ready to respond to any legal procedure that might be originated."

Only one charge, one statement, made in Badders' absence has stirred the merchant to a statement outside the walls of his attorneys' defense. The short but eventful business career of the young Topekan and the resulting trial in the bankruptcy court, has found one loophole of publicity.

Badders is back in Topeka with an apparent willingness to face all business charges against him. He has exploited feature in the recent trial has ruffled the merchant's feathers.

"There is one feature that I resent," Badders stated this afternoon. "It is not for the circumstances surrounding this publicity, I would resent it stronger—that is, the many statements regarding the domestic relations in my little home in Topeka."

The merchant would make no comment on his meaning or his denials, but it was intimated that the charges against his alleged infidelity, which wounded deeply his pride and his home-loving sense.

Badders spent a big part of the day in consultation with his attorneys. The rest of the time he spent with his parents on College Hill and with his wife and baby in College avenue.

Meanwhile, no arrest has been made. The president of the Badders company is free to go or come. This, after testimony this week in the federal court and a jury verdict showing the most astounding actions to swindle and defraud; after the unveiling by sworn evidence of the rankest dishonesty and almost inconceivable monetary trickery and mercantile crime.

Has this community no officers to protect honest merchants, no guardians of business integrity and no law to seize for summary punishment, the man who smiles and flaunts his high finance, who has shamelessly disgraced the honorable business life of Topeka, laughing at the serious proceedings of this week of court and jury, which have shown thousands of dollars diverted from honest debt through financial chicanery!

Checked by Storm. Trade Was Given a Setback by the Blizzard.

New York, March 7.—Dun's Review says:

"Further interruption to business was caused this week by the greatest snow storm in the history of the city in a quarter of a century. Trade was seriously handicapped for a time and transportation and wire facilities temporarily demolished while the property of the city was covered by a heavy deposit of freight movement retarded distribution of food stuffs and fuel and resulted in higher prices for various commodities."

Recovery from the blizzard was comparatively prompt and the lifting of railway blockades and resumption of telegraphic service brought a more normal condition. Reports from leading commercial centers, however, continued of a mixed character, increased activity in certain directions contrasting with dullness in others."

Gafford at Head. Shawnee Republican Committee Elect Him Chairman.

That the new Shawnee county Republican central committee to be elected at the August primaries will be composed partly of women is the opinion of W. S. Fulton, secretary. The committee met this afternoon in the assembly room of the National hotel, accepted the resignation of Charles E. Suit, chairman, unanimously elected J. C. Gafford chairman in his place, and adjourned after a brief session. The keynote of the meeting was harmony and optimism.

The possibility of third ticket in Shawnee county was not admitted. The county committee, which split last term, has been reorganized, and is composed of both factions of the Republican party, agreed to work as one.

Mr. Gafford, who is acting secretary of the committee, was appointed in place of L. A. Ryder of the first precinct in the third ward. A. D. Bowler having offered a vote of thanks to Mr. Suit, the retiring chairman, Mr. Gafford was nominated and unanimously elected.

The thing for Republicans to do is to get together. We can do it," declared Mr. Gafford, in accepting the office. "We have important work to do before the primaries. We must have a thorough organization."

Of the 48 members of the committee, 25 were present. Other meetings will be called before the August primaries.

SAYS IT CAN'T BE DONE

Prohibition Never Will Be Enforced in Christian Country—Gibbons.

New Orleans, March 7.—"Prohibition never will be enforced in a Christian country," said Cardinal Gibbons, in a statement made public here today. Cardinal Gibbons is paying his annual visit to his brother, John T. Gibbons of this city.

"While I am an ardent advocate of temperance, I am intuitively persuaded that prohibition cannot be enforced in this country," continued Cardinal Gibbons. "It is calculated to make hypocrites and lead to the manufacture of illicit whiskey replacing the good material with the bad, while at the same time robbing the government of the legitimate tax."

Madeline Dies of Convulsions. Paris, March 7.—Madeline, one of the Siamese twins who was separated from the effects of the operation and, by means of a delicate surgical operation, died today of convulsions. Suzanne is recovering rapidly from the effects of the operation and the physicians say there is every prospect of her living.

MILEAGE ISSUE

It Never Comes Up Seriously in Congress.

Members Get 20 Cents a Mile for Traveling.

COSTS NATION \$150,000 YEAR

One Member Could Have Paid Note With Surplus.

Kansas Members Allowed \$600 Each for Round Trip.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—At the far end of the special session which dove-tailed into the present session of congress, members of both branches were rather hopeful that an adjournment would be taken, so hard-worked statesmen, having missed the summer vacation, might still receive the usual mileage allowance. There was much cloak-room conversation about the prospects for getting the mileage extra, which, in the case of a member residing a considerable distance from Washington, amounts to several hundred dollars. For instance, the average amount of mileage paid a member of the Kansas delegation is in the neighborhood of \$600.

While the mileage issue was "up in the air" a certain western member of the house, whose name must be held, walked to the basket at the clerk's desk to drop in several petitions received from his constituents. The petitions were carried loosely in an inner pocket, and the member dumped them down without separating them. When the journal clerk began to sort them out, he found a letter reading about like this:

"My dear Sir: This is to advise you that your note at this bank falls due on the 30th inst. Please arrange to have check here for \$438.80 on or before that date. Yours — the bank."

"Here's something he didn't intend to drop in," commented a smiling senator (Continued on Page Two.)

QUARREL ON THE WIRE

Telegraph Operators Meet Later and Fight It Out.

Milwaukee, March 7.—Following a quarrel over the wire between two operators of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, Thomas Karr, telegraph operator at Schielingerville, is at St. Joseph's hospital and is not expected to live.

Karr and A. La Point, operator at Rugby Junction, had had personal trouble over the wire. Karr came down early today to see La Point about it and a fight ensued. Karr slapped La Point's jaw, it is said, and La Point drew a pistol and fired twice at Karr, both shots taking effect, one passing through Karr's cheek and the other through the abdominal wall. La Point is being held pending the outcome of Karr's injuries.

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FIND OLD TREATY

Buried in Senate Archives Since Time of Buchanan.

Was Signed by the United States and Mexico.

PROVIDED FOR INTERVENTION

Was Never Ratified by Upper House of Congress

Owing to Confusion Incident to the Civil War.

Washington, March 7.—Additional interest in the Mexican situation, both present and past, was lent today by the publication of the details of a proposed treaty negotiated more than half a century ago, between the United States and the republic of Mexico, which if ratified, would have authorized the United States to "intervene in support of its own treaty rights and the security of its own citizens whenever Mexico may be unable to guarantee the same without incurring the obligation or necessity of a general intervention in the domestic affairs of that country."

The treaty had been lying in the secret archives of the senate committee on foreign relations since January, 1860. The injunction of secrecy was rescinded yesterday by the senate and the document, ordered printed for the use of members of that body. The government printing office force worked on the document all of last night and today senators had before them fresh (Continued on Page Six.)

HALF HOUR TOO LATE.

Daughter of Late Mason S. Peters Loses Race With Death.

Kansas City, March 7.—Death was the victor in a six thousand mile race that ended today when Miss Mary Peters arrived here from Paris, 30 minutes after her mother, Mrs. Annie Ingles Peters, widow of Mason S. Peters, former Populist congressman from Kansas, died.

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HIS LAST HOPE

James Dunford Must Go to Lansing Prison.

Supreme Court Denies New Trial for Drake's Assailant.

SHOT STREET CAR CONDUCTOR

Found Guilty by Shawnee District Court.

County Liable for Injuries From Defective Bridges.

James Dunford must go to the penitentiary for shooting Joseph Drake, a Topeka street car conductor, according to an opinion handed down by the supreme court today denying Dunford a new trial. Dunford shot Drake in February, 1912, and was convicted of assault with intent to kill. Drake died a few days ago.

It was urged by attorneys for Dunford that the court committed reversible error by communicating with the jury during its deliberations. The jury sent a note to Judge Whitcomb asking if it might recommend clemency in its verdict. To this note the court replied that it was not within the province of a jury to recommend punishment in Kansas, but stated that the court would listen to and consider any recommendations made by the jury. The communications were without notice to the defendant. In deciding the case, however, the supreme court held that the interchange of communications by judge and jury did not require that the verdict be set aside notwithstanding the case was one in which the trial court had no error in fixing the penalty and the court could grant no parole; it appearing upon the record that the jurors were not in fact influenced by the communications.

The shooting of Drake occurred on a country club car on Buchanan street. The defendant was a passenger on the car and the evidence (Continued on Page 5.)

THE WEATHER IS COLD

There is a Brisk Penetrating Wind; Sunday May Be Fair.

There is a disagreeable northwest wind today that has been traveling at an average speed of 25 miles an hour. The temperature is 7 degrees below normal for this date. Fair weather is the prediction for tonight and Sunday with little change in temperature.

Contrary to the general impression March is not the windiest month in the year in Kansas. According to the records at the local weather office April has that distinction. At Topeka in a period of 14 years the wind velocity in April has averaged nearly half a mile an hour in excess of that of March. The March average rate of speed is 11.1 miles an hour.

Shippers' forecast: "Protect 36 hour shipments north and west against temperature of from 25 to 26 degrees;

south and east, 25 to 26." The lowest temperature today was 27 degrees.

Kaw River Has Risen. The highest river stage was recorded at Topeka today on record since December—six and a fraction feet. The average stage for March has been lower than the stage but since the river record has been kept, "Sunny" Flora, the local observer, said today: "The under soil is probably dryer than has been the case since 1901 at this period of the year. Another drought this year would be a blow to Kansas from which she would not soon recover. However, there is no reason for believing that there will be a drought."

The highest temperature recorded on this date in 27 years was 27 degrees in 1898; the lowest, 9 degrees in 1899. The hourly readings:

7 o'clock.....23	11 o'clock.....31
8 o'clock.....23	12 o'clock.....32
9 o'clock.....23	1 o'clock.....32
10 o'clock.....30	2 o'clock.....34
	3 o'clock.....34

BOUGHT A CHURCH

And a Whisky Still and Graveyard All in One Lump.

Did Kansan Who Thought He Was Getting Timber Tract.

It isn't every farmer who trades his land for what he considers good timber ground, and finds himself in possession of a church, a cemetery, and a whisky still. Marion A. Tatlow, a young farmer of White City, Kan., exchanged his farm in Morris county for land in Missouri, went to look it over, and discovered it occupied by a steepie, a small whisky factory and a group of graves. Tatlow, who was ruined by the deal, brought suit in the Shawnee district court against W. E. Bacon, Bert Rucker and Orville Rucker, alleging fraud. The jury, having deliberated over night, brought in a verdict for the plaintiff of \$3,117, with special findings of conspiracy, at 6 o'clock last evening.

Attorneys who have been watching the case, heard before Judge George H. Whitcomb, declared it one of the biggest cases of real estate fraud recorded in the county court for years.

Before the transaction Tatlow was crippled physically—has been partially paralyzed since a boy. The deal crippled him financially. He has been living on a small rural farm with his wife and children, pending the hearing of his case.

The suit, which was commenced the first of the week in the second division, consumed four days of testimony and argument. It went to the jury Thursday evening. The verdict clears Orville Rucker of any connection with the case, but finds that Bert Rucker and W. E. Bacon "did conspire or agree together to defraud plaintiff."

Tatlow owned one quarter section of land near White City; the land was valued at \$6,000 and was mortgaged for \$6,000, making the young man's equity \$3,117. He was induced to trade it in May, 1911, for what he believed to be a timber tract in Crawford county, Missouri. He received a bogus deed from which the name of the grantor had been erased, and Tatlow's name substituted.

Morroe Roark, McClure & Monroe represented Tatlow in the district court. J. B. Larimer and J. M. Stark for Bacon, Rucker and Bacon, holding a Missouri dealer responsible for the sale.

CHAMP CLARK IS 64.

Celebrates Anniversary by Denouncing Traducers From the Rostrum.

Washington, March 7.—Speaker Clark signalled his sixty-fourth birthday anniversary today by denouncing from the rostrum of the house an address by Charles Zueblin, of Winchester, Mass., a former professor of sociology at the University of Chicago, assailing the speaker's counting of votes on the report of the committee that investigated the Mulhall lobby charges. Democrats, Republicans and Independents applauded and tribute to the speaker, when he had finished.

Clark had read to the house a published article quoting Zueblin's attack on his methods and the alleged arbitrary action of the House of Representatives in expelling Underwood. Clark branded Zueblin's statement as "untrue, brazen and outrageous" and reflecting on the integrity of the house. He quoted the figures of the Mulhall vote, pointing out that the speaker had voted for the committee that investigated the Mulhall lobby charges. "I have been lied about so much, I have not got gotten used to it," he said.

Representative Mann of Illinois, Republican leader; Representative McDonald of Pennsylvania, Republican; and Butler of Pennsylvania, Republican, and others joined in corroborating the speaker's charges. Mann was talking in honor. Mr. Mann's allusion to the speaker's sixty-fourth birthday anniversary proved amusing and amusing. He declared no one could question Speaker Clark's honor, integrity or fairness as speaker.

I. O. O. F. ANNIVERSARY

Plans for Big Celebration Here on April 25.

The 1,600 members of all branches of the Odd Fellows in Topeka have appointed committees to arrange for a big anniversary celebration April 25. There will be a banquet in the Auditorium, a program in the Auditorium. The lodges from Lawrence, Baldwin, Eudora, Leocompton, Oklawaha, Perry, Valley Falls, Nortonville, Winchester, McLouth, Meriden, Williamstown, Osawatie, Hoyt, Denison, Louisville, Wamego, Silver Lake, Dover and Auburn will be invited.

George H. Hodges and Mrs. Grace G. Kemper will be the speakers. The balcony in the Auditorium will be open to the public for the program.

WICHITA DEPOT OPEN

Many Attend Ceremonies of Union Station Celebration.

Wichita, March 7.—Wichita's new \$400,000 Union station was opened today. Thousands of persons participated in the celebration incident to the opening of the building, which is the passenger terminal of all the railroads entering the city. The celebration will close with a parade and fireworks tonight.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

Only the Lower House Was in Session Today.

Washington, March 7.—Senate not in session; meets Monday. House met at noon. Debate on agricultural appropriation bill resumed. Irrigation committee reported favorably the Kansas reclamation period in payment for water rights. Rules committee continued hearing on Manhattan farm market inquiry.

Son Born to House of Representatives. New York, March 7.—A son was born today to Mrs. Richard Derby, who was Ethel Roosevelt, daughter of Theodore Roosevelt.

GRAIN ON HAND

Report Issued by Agricultural Department for March

Shows Amount Still Remaining in Hands of Farmers.

TOTAL OF CORN IS SMALLEST

Shown in Any Year for Which Figures Are Given.

Also Shortage of Oats Compared With Last Year.

Washington, March 7.—Grain of last year's crops remaining on farms March 1 formed the subject of the department of agriculture's crop report for March, issued at 2:15 p. m. today. The department's crop reporting board, from reports of its correspondents and agents throughout the country, estimates the amount of wheat, corn, oats and barley on farms, with comparisons for preceding years, the proportion of each crop which will be shipped out of the country when grown, and the percentage of the 1913 crop which was of merchantable quality, as follows:

Wheat—About 151,000,000 bushels, or 19.9 per cent, of the 1913 crop remained on farms March 1, 1914, compared with 156,483,000 bushels, or 31.4 per cent, of the 1912 crop remaining in 1913; 122,000,000 bushels, or 18.6 per cent, of the 1911 crop in 1912, and 143,705,000 bushels, or 25.6 per cent, of the 1910 crop in 1911.

About 53.9 per cent, of the 1913 crop will be shipped out of the country when grown, against 61.6 per cent, of the 1912 crop so shipped; 56.1 per cent, of the 1911 crop so shipped, and 53.6 per cent, of the 1910 crop so shipped.

Corn—About 806,500,000 bushels, or 35.4 per cent, of the 1913 crop remained on farms March 1, 1914, compared with 1,239,655,000 bushels, or 41.8 per cent, of the 1912 crop in 1913; 1,028,000,000 bushels, or 31.2 per cent, of the 1911 crop in 1912; and 442,695,000 bushels, or 37.3 per cent, of the 1910 crop in 1911.

Oats—About 418,470,000 bushels, or 37.4 per cent, of the 1913 crop remained on farms March 1, 1914, compared with 604,210,000 bushels, or 42.8 per cent, of the 1912 crop in 1913; 288,000,000 bushels, or 31.2 per cent, of the 1911 crop in 1912; and 442,695,000 bushels, or 37.3 per cent, of the 1910 crop in 1911.

Divided by States.

State	Wheat	Corn	Oats
Ohio	1.9	1.1	1.2
Indiana	2.9	1.3	1.2
Illinois	1.9	1.1	1.2
Wisconsin	1.9	1.1	1.2
Minnesota	1.9	1.1	1.2
Michigan	1.9	1.1	1.2
North Dakota	1.9	1.1	1.2
South Dakota	1.9	1.1	1.2
Nebraska	1.9	1.1	1.2
Kansas	1.9	1.1	1.2
Oklahoma	1.9	1.1	1.2

Stocks of grain on farms March 1, by principal states (expressed in millions of bushels) follow:

Ohio..... 1.9 1.1 1.2
Indiana..... 2.9 1.3 1.2
Illinois..... 1.9 1.1 1.2
Wisconsin..... 1.9 1.1 1.2
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North Dakota..... 1.9 1.1 1.2
South Dakota..... 1.9 1.1 1.2
Nebraska..... 1.9 1.1 1.2
Kansas..... 1.9 1.1 1.2
Oklahoma..... 1.9 1.1 1.2

ADRIFT IN OPEN BOAT.

Eighteen Members of Sunk Steamer's Crew Float out to Sea.

Seaside Park, N. Y., March 7.—Eighteen members, including the captain, of the crew of the steamer Charlemagne Tower, Jr., which sank near here, are adrift on the ocean in an open boat.

The last seen of them, they were going out to sea in a southeasterly direction. The steamer sank in 50 feet of water three-quarters of a mile from shore, between Cedar Creek and Porked River life saving stations, six miles south of here. E. B. Thompson of Brooklyn, first mate, and three members of the crew were brought ashore. The revenue cutter Itasca was signalled from shore of the predicament of the 18 men and put to sea to search for them.

There are two big sand bars near the spot where the steamer sank and the life savers were seriously handicapped in launching their boats. One was launched, but was upset and the life savers waded ashore.

The captain of the tower and 17 men took a long boat. It was so overcrowded that they were afraid to try landing on the first bar and hung around outside, hoping the sea would subside. Snow was falling; grew thicker about 3 a. m. today and the long boat was lost from view.

The weather lightened up again about 3:30 and there was then no sign of the long boat. The crew was seen as men were so cold they could not use the oars and therefore could not control the craft. Unless found by the revenue cutters or some steamer, it is believed all will perish. It is possible the men have reached an inlet and landed, or may have been picked up by a life saving crew along the coast.

Wire communication along the coast has been prostrated since last Sunday's great storm, and communication among the life saving stations is difficult and only accomplished after delay. The tower was owned by the Southern Transportation company, with which Charles Moore of New York is identified. It is said this was the first trip of the ste