

KANSAS put herself in the sunny south with the incident at Olathe this morning.

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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas:  
Fair tonight and Friday; somewhat cooler in the southeastern part of the state.

TWO CENTS

## SILENT MASKED MOB HANGS MURDERER OF AGED COUPLE IN POLE IN LATHE TODAY

Come to Town in Autos; Overpowered Sheriff Carroll.

Batter Down Jail Doors and Drag Out Prisoner.

VICTIM A BRUTAL MURDERER Bert Dudley, ex-Convict, Shot Aged Couple Dead.

Dragged Bodies Away; Took Possession of Farm.

TO GET LIFE SENTENCE TODAY But Incensed Populace Take Law in Own Hands.

With Rope Around Neck, Dudley Pleads Innocence.

SHERIFF'S WIFE PLAYS HEROINE Secretes Jail Keys From Mob, Calls Fire Department.

Mob Fires Shots Into Body; None Is Identified.

Olathe, Kan., Sept. 21.—Bert Dudley, the murderer of Henry Muller, an Olathe German, and his wife, was taken from the Johnson county jail here early this morning by a masked mob and hanged to a telephone pole.

The mob came to Olathe in motor cars, supposedly from near Stowell, where Muller had lived. Sheriff Lon Carroll refused to give up Dudley and the mob overpowered him. Then they battered down three jail doors. Several shots were fired, but none was injured.

The murder of which Dudley was convicted last Tuesday, was committed near Stowell, seventeen miles southwest of here, August 29. Dudley, who was an ex-convict, was employed as a farm hand and killed Muller because of an altercation over a cow which he wished to borrow to do some road work. Mrs. Muller was killed when she asked Dudley what had become of her husband.

His bodies in a Cellar. The crime was not discovered for several days. Dudley, after having hid the bodies in an abandoned cellar, who had been hired to aid in the farm work. When he endeavored to sell a load of wheat from the farm, the discovery of the murder.

The jury which convicted him was out only fifteen minutes.

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## PROVE TO BE MEMBER OF BLACKMAILING SYNDICATE. HONDS UP BOSS FOR \$200,000

Makes Rounds of Cafes With Congenial Employer.

She Fails to Get the Money and Is Arrested.

Blackmail Files Confiscated; Victims Breath Easier.

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## BEAUTY ARRESTED IN BLACKMAIL PLOT DENIES SHE LURED MEN, TOOK MONEY



Mrs. Edward Donahue, arrested in Chicago as alleged blackmailer.

Mrs. Edward Donahue, arrested in Chicago as a member of a gang of blackmailers who have taken many thousands of dollars from wealthy men who have permitted themselves to be found in compromising positions with beautiful members of the gang, denies that she has taken part in the gang's operations. The blackmailers operated in exclusive social circles, and at their coming trial revelations of a most sensational character are expected.

## START GOLF PLAY EXPOSE SCANDAL Country Club Tournament Begins Today; Many Entrants.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Conferees of the country club which have been investigating the so-called blackmailing syndicate were continued at the department of justice today.

## WEATHER IS IDEAL Warm Comfortable Days and Cool Refreshing Nights.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau at Topeka this morning are as follows:

7 o'clock	.....55 11 o'clock	.....73
8 o'clock	.....59 12 o'clock	.....76
9 o'clock	.....62 1 o'clock	.....76
10 o'clock	.....65 2 o'clock	.....77

The temperature today averaged 2 degrees below normal. The wind is blowing at the rate of eight miles an hour from the west. The moon rises after the mercury reached 91 degrees Wednesday afternoon. The high reached 73 degrees and the low 53 degrees, a 4 degrees below normal.

## ROYALTY BITES DUST Earl Feversham Falls Lending Royal Rifle Corps in Battle.

London, Sept. 21.—Lieutenant Colonel Earl Feversham was killed in action on September 15, while leading his battalion, according to the Yorkshire Herald today.

## ELEVEN HIKERS DESERT Wary on Long March, U. S. Soldiers Board Box Car, and Are Arrested.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 21.—Eleven enlisted men of the Twelfth provisional division, tired of the hike from San Antonio to Austin, deserted the column at Hunter and came to this city on a freight train, arriving last night. They were arrested by recruiting officers here and placed in jail.

## MOVIES BLAMED FOR PARIS BOY'S CRIME Among Fourteen Injured Was E. K. Klock of Pittsburg, Kan.

Mankato, Minn., Sept. 21.—An investigation was started today by Chicago Great Western and county officials over the wreck late yesterday afternoon of the Olathe motor cars on the Great Western plunged over a fifteen foot embankment and injured fourteen persons. A spreading rail is blamed. Among those seriously injured was E. K. Klock, Pittsburg, Kan.

## HENRY FORD MAY COME TO KANSAS FOR DEMOCRATS

Detroit Automobile Manufacturer Scheduled for Campaign.

Millionaire Offers His Services to President Wilson.

BIG TALENT IS GIVEN KANSANS Ham Lewis and Vice President Marshall on List.

Champ Clark, Glenn and Other Well Known Men.

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## STATE COMPELS ARBITRATION IN TRANSIT STRIKE

Stage All Set for Half Million to Quit Friday.

Mediation Board Simply "Takes Bull by Horns."

DETERMINED TO QUELL RIOTING Police Frustrated Against Violent Night Attacks.

Enlist 10,000 Women Pickets to Boycott Street Cars.

New York, Sept. 21.—Arbitration of the street car strike now in its third week, will be enforced by the state board of arbitration and mediation. It was announced here today by M. J. Hogan, a member of the board. Hearings will be held beginning Monday, and both sides will be directed to present testimony.

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