TOPEKA, KANSAS, FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 24, 1917-TEN PAGES

16 ARE DEAD IN BIG RIOT AT HOUSTON, TEX.

Negro Troopers on Rampage Over Police Discipline.

Of Killed, 13 Are Whites; 18 Victims Wounded.

125 RIOTERS CAPTURED TODAY

Rush 350 Coast Guards and Regulars to Houston.

Camp Under Heavy Guard; Quiet Now Prevails.

FEELING HIGH AMONG GUARDS

Illinois Soldiers Incensed Over Slaying of Captain ,

White Officer's Body Mutilated by Riotous Negroes.

HOUSTON UNDER MILITARY LAW

150 Negro Soldiers Run Amuck and Shoot Up City.

Claim Abusive Police Aroused

fatally, as the result of last night's negre troop rioting, latest figures up to noon showed today. Of the sixteen death, thirteen are whites, two are negre troopers of the Twenty-fourth United States infantry, and one a Mexician. an.

Capinin J. W. Mattes battery A. Second Hi'nois field artiflery, was the from 'Baker only member of the Hilnois National Guard stationed at Camp Logan, near here, that was killed.

Find Jimey Briver Dead.

The rioting according to best accounts available, was caused by ill feeling bred among the negroes thru the treatment accorded some of them by city police offices. As military police, the negroes patrolled the environs of the city when members of the battalion were released from the camp on pass. Several minor clashes occurred between the white police and the military, the latest preceding the riot resulting in the arrest of two negro troopers for interfering when a white police officer arrested a negro woman.

The sixteenth victim was E. M.

of Fine Weather Program.

Hourly temperature readings for the lay reported by the local office he United States weather bureau: o'clock.....60 | 11 o'clock..... o'clock.....63 | 12 o'clock..... 8 o'clock 63 12 o'clock 77
9 o'clock 66 1 o'clock 77
10 o'clock 71 2 o'clock 79
The temperature today averaged 7
degrees below normal for the date.
The wind was blowing 17 miles an hour from the northwest at 2 o'clock this afternoon.
Three days of clear cool weather are on the program for Topeka, according to the weather prediction
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HAVE NEW PLANS

State and National Defense Councils Seek More Harmony.

Meeting To Be Held Here Tuesday To Outline Co-operation.

Co-operation by the state and fedlined in Topeka Tuesday afternoon when Dr. James A. B. Scherer come here as a representative of the na-

bring the national council into touch with the state councils.

MOVE NEGRO TROOPS

Riotous 24th Regiment Will Be Re moved From Texas at Once.

Washington. Aug. 24.—The negro-troops engaged in the rioting at Hous-ton Tex., yesterday will be withdrawn from Texas immediately, Secretary Enker told Senator Sheppard of Texas

Reports from Major General Park-

3 CLEAR, COOL DAYS TAKE OSAGE COAL 9 KAN. RAILROADS POPE INCLUDES PROBLEM BEFORE | APPEAL DECISION **FUEL DIRECTOR! PASSENGER RATES**

That Is Governor's Decision Bills of Complaint Filed in U. His Holiness Amplifies Recent Crown Prince Loses All He Following Conference.

Fixed by Government.

S. District Court. Mines Cannot Run Under Price Claim P. U. C. Ruling Is Con- Believes It Should Particularly One of Most Bitterly Disputed Jump Is a Climax of Long and 70 Million Pay for Its Faults

tory and Unreasonable.

fiscatory to Roads.

Ton by Continuing Work.

Capper may not seek to force operations under present prices. Instead the will go to Washington for a concourt vary from their usual custom ference with Harry A. Garfield, coal of asking for a temporary injunction.

represented by miners. The mine men, tho, sought and secured a recess until this afternoon. Before the governor leaves for Chicago this evening they will seek to establish the justice of their claims for wage increases.

Many Mines Sbut Down.

Seventy per cent of the mines in the Osage fields are shut down under strike orders by union workers. Cooperative mines are running, but will throw up the sponge Saturday night unless relief is afforded under the government order.

There isn't a bit of doubt as to the attitude or plans of the operators. They simply declare they cannot produce coal at the price in the government schedule and don't propose to try. The government has fixed a price of \$2.55 a ton for coal of the class produced in the Osage field.

It costs \$3.20 to \$3.50 a ton to deliver this coal at the top of the mine ander conditions at this time, it was asserted. If the operators meet the demands of the miners for a 56-cent increase in the tonnage rate, the operators declare they must stand a loss of \$1.15 to \$1.45 a ton.

"We not only can't stand it, but we service.

Attack Kansas Law.

In their appeal the railroads quote the Kansas statutes which set forth that the railroads are denied an increase over the 2-cent rate unless an order is issued by the utilities commission providing for the increase. Just whether this is constitutional is questioned by the railroads. Then, the railroads begin tearing holes in the Kansas statutes which set forth that the railroads are denied an increase over the 2-cent rate unless an order is issued by the utilities commission providing for the increase.

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Tried to Kill Major.

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Early, today soldiers patrolled the flouston. Aug. 24—The revised list of the frestling housen of the state and 2.5 cents a mile as compensatory rate in one section of the state and 2.5 cents a mile as compensatory in another section. "We not only can't stand it, but we don't propose to try," was the flat, final and defiant statement which one operator made to John Hunt, assistant attorney general. "The minute we consent to the wage increase, up goes other cost charges and there isn't a method of arithmetic in the world that wis about to happen but they were at the pagal loss of \$1.15 to \$1.45 a ton.

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On Top of This Miners Are De- Fight Will Be Based on Ruling "Form of Gov't Imposed by Germans Try To Drive Ru-

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Houston, Tex. Aug. 24.—By one of the large of the sumber who gave his name as lame as la

No Reference to Democracy. Explaining why he made no reference to democracy in his speed to the nations, the pope said he refrained because of the foregoing views and "out of respect for the free will of the people themselves, who, having the right of universal suffrage may choose whatever form of government they please."

obviously in response to criticism ence to Belgium, in the peace appeal, the pontiff today declared that "It is necessary to remark that as to condonation of damages caused by the war, there is an exception applying particularly to Belgium."

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James Parker. General Hulen at once for the dispersing of that all mines in the state would be Attorneys for the roads declare that

LAST OF VERDUN FORTS CAPTURED

Won a Year Ago.

Positions of War.

Would Lose More Than \$1.15 a Assert Laws Are Discrimina- Appeal Not Suggested or Di- Pershing Sees Successful Oper-

ations on the Verdun Sector.

Operators in the Osage county coal fields told Governor Capper today they would not attempt to reopen their mines under the government rate schedule. Books were produced by the coal men to show they are losing money. The conference between the operators and miners was rose. the would not attempt to reopen associated with the section of the national defense council. Dr. Scherer is associated with the section of the national defense council which is directional defense council with state organizations. He will meet members of the Kansus council in Governor Capters of the state house and miners was resumble operators and miners was resumble of the national organization. A letter from W. E. Clifford, director of the national organization, advised Governor Capters of 'he visit of Dr. Scherer. The trip thru the west of such a character that Governor capter of 'he visit of Capter may not seek to force operation with the section of the national defense council with the section of the national direction and sking the court to declare the sustent unconstitute unconstitutional and confiscatory. The bills of complaint are aimed at the public utilities commission, its attorneys, as purely the operators and miners was resumble to the state books.

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"History teaches us that a form of wareleastory will receive such an important policies from the world war, as fo statement announced that the British now hold German trenches immediately northwest of the Green Grassier to the south of Lens, and that especially heavy losses have been inflicted on the Germans. Portuguese troops which are holding a sector in northern France refulsed German raids in the vicinity of Labassee. Heavy artillery fighting continues around Ypres.

Advance More Than a Mile.

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Paris. Aug 24.—The French attacked this morning on the left bank of the Meuse, between Avocourt Wood and Deadman Hill. The war office announces the capture of Hill 304. Camard wood and the fortified works between Havercourt wood and Beth-incourt. The French gained more than their objectives, advancing to an average depth of two kilometers (1% miles).

The taking of prisoners as the result of the victory at Verdun amount-Advance More Than a Mile

TO POST TONIGHT CAST OFF YOKE General Martin Ready To Take Fort Sill Command.

BY FRENCH ARMS WIII Arrive at Sill on 27th Millfary Anniversary.

TO COMMAND DEPOT BRIGADE

Active Military Service.

OPERATORS IN FIRM STAND ATTACK THE STATE STATUTE REITERATE IT WASN'T INSPIRED NOW FIGHTING WITHIN LENS Metcalf, Also Brigadier, Has Left for Beauregard.

> Brigadier General Charles I. Martin will leave Topeka tonight for Fort Sill Okla., where he will assume commar of the depot brigade of the Kansa



Brigadier Charles I. Martin who will command the depot brigade of the Kansas-Missouri troops at Ft, Sill,

General Martin will immediately as-sume control of the cantonments built for the troops from Kansus and Mis-souri. The training of the brigad.

BY JOHN H. HEARELY.

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Rome, Aug. 24.—The United Press.)

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"The first first two points well known message to the senate." Consequently we are inclined to protect the part of the American people, the carbe part of the American people, the carbe perfect of the American people, the part of the American people, the part of the American people, the perfect of the American people, the perfect of the American war record, will be stationed at Port people perfect of the perfect of the American war record, will be stationed at Port people perfect of the perfect of the American war record, will be stationed at Port people perfect of the people people people people people people people people people peopl

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lute Bureaucratic System."

With "Blood and Gold."

CHANCELLOR JOINS "IN BADS"

Reichstag Takes Him To Task for Evading Peace Plan.

Michaelis Then Makes Amends -Press Also Assails Him.

Amsterdam, Aug. 24.—Theodor Wolff, editor in chief of the Berlin Tageblati, discusses the incident which brought about a temporary disagree-ment between the majority coalition

ment between the majority coalition and the chancellor, saying:

"It is no longer possible that a nation of 70,000,000 who have to pay for every fault with blood and gold should be given a government without its representatives being consulted. It is the reichstag's duty to end this most absolute bureaucratic system." Ruction in Reichstag.

Berlin, Aug. 24.—Herlin was sur-prised to learn on awakening this morning that the reichstag yesterday had been the scene of a political flurry which assumed varying proportions as seen thru partisan editorial eye-glasses.

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The incident which brought about
the temporary disagreement between
the majority coalition and the chancellor was the chancellor's somewhat
indefinite phrasing of his attitude toward the reichstag's peace proposal.
The impression created was the Doetor Michaelis was circumscribing his
endorsement of that action.

During Wednesday's intermission
for luncheon the majority parties
drew up a statement to the effect that
there could be no doubt respecting
the chancellor's acquiescence in the
coalition peace views. The presentation of this declaration at the after
session drew forth 4 second statement
from the chancellor, in which he definitely corrected any false impression
that might have been crested by his
utterances at the morning session.
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Chancellor Fares Badly.

The taking of prisoners as the result of the victory at Verdun amount at ed today to nearly 8,000 and large numbers of cannon and machine guns were captured or destroyed. The battle which is being continued, is confined to the artillery, with the French boilding great superiority in the fire.

Major General John J. Pershing commander-in-chilef of the American forces, had a splendid view of the first day's operations from a position near Le Morte Homme.

Germans After Rumanian Peace.

Fetrograd, Aug. 24.—General Alexieff, fornier commander in chilef of the Russian forces, in an interview at Moscow, asserts that German strategy aimed at driving the Rumanian army from all its positions in order to compelled a several Martin was commissioned.

Capper Named Martin.

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Chancellor Farcs Badly.

The chancellor received the party leaders late Wednesday night for the troops from Kansus and Missouri, The training of the brigad. Will be under General Martin's direction. When transported to the fishting in France, he will command to sufference. The unexpected plane planers are which became known despite the allience of Columbus, Cherokee county, will take control of the office of adjustant and the control of the party which became known despite the allience of Columbus, Cherokee county, will take control of the office of adjustant as excitent from the planers of the party as excitent at the control of the party speaking for the party speaking for the troops of the misunders and the committee deliberations, today gives a section of the press occasion to distant earny and is serving his formed the first tree of the fishting in the first of the fishting in the first of the fishting in the first of the party speaking for the