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TUESDAY EVENING.

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OUTSTED!

Big Packing Firms Are Ordered to Leave Missouri.

Found Guilty of Violating the Anti-Trust Law.

SUPREME COURT VERDICT

Order Includes Armour, Swift, Hammond and Morris.

They Can Stay Provided They Pay Their Fines.

Jefferson City, Feb. 9.—The packing firms of Armour & Company, Swift & Company, the St. Louis Dressed Beef & Provision company, the Hammond Packing company and Morris & Company were found guilty of violating the state anti-trust law by the Missouri supreme court today.

An order of ouster was issued, but the companies are allowed to remain in the state on payment of fines. Each company was fined \$25,000.

The opinion was written by Judge R. F. Walker and was concurred in by all the other judges except Judge Blair, who was assistant attorney general, when the ouster suit was filed and consequently did not sit in this case.

The ouster suit against the so-called "beef trust" was filed by Governor Major when he was attorney general. Daniel Dillon of St. Louis was appointed commissioner to take testimony in the case and he reported to the supreme court that the companies had violated the anti-trust law.

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GIVE IT TO CAPPER

Senate Unloads Troublesome Panama Fair Report.

Lets Governor and Board Decide on Dean Matter.

The senate today put the Panama-Pacific exposition finances tangled into the hands of the governor, the attorney general and the members of the commission itself when it adopted the report of the special committee rendered this afternoon.

FOR TAXES' GOOD

Mortgage Registration and "Anti-Hide" Bills Favored.

Joint House and Senate Committee Announces Decision.

A state mortgage registration fee bill to take the place of all other taxes on mortgages, and a bill placing a heavy penalty on the offense of concealing personal property from the tax assessors, were reported to the legislature this afternoon by members of the joint committee representing the two legislative houses by which the bills were drawn.

The mortgage registration tax is based on a charge of 10 cents on the hundred dollars and is payable annually. The committee bill, like the Joseph original, provides that no registered mortgage can be made the basis for an action to recover judgment under it.

IT'S A DARK, DARK DAY FOR INSURANCE COMPANIES

Half a Dozen Bills in House Today Aimed at Corporations.

Regulation of Every Character Included in Their Provisions.

THOUSANDS TO KANSAS

Travis Measure Would Bring Money From Eastern States.

Resolution for State or County Protection Against Hall.

This is a dark day for insurance companies who are in touch with action of the state legislature. A half dozen bills in the house hopper today are aimed at varied lines of insurance and bonding companies and their agents, and will in some trouble some hours before the insurance committee this week.

Two insurance bills by Travis of Allen county tend to regulate the insurance and bonding business. Under one of the Travis bills rates of surety and fidelity companies are placed under the supervision of the state insurance commissioner.

Another Travis measure would compel foreign insurance companies to come under the state laws before writing business for corporations doing business in the state.

Added to the Travis bills are insurance measures by Representatives Harris and Smith of Graham. The Harris bill would compel accident and health insurance companies to make settlements of claims within sixty days from date of filing claims or to forfeit their charters under the state law.

Smith's bill is aimed at the local insurance agents. It provides for an annual county license of \$25 for every agent of lightning, fire, hail and tornado insurance companies.

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LONG BATTLE LINE

Russians and Germans Are Fighting Continuously

From Plock Province, Poland, to Tilst, East Prussia.

Petrograd, Feb. 9.—The engagements are growing in intensity at the two extremities of the eastern battle front in East Prussia as well as in the Carpathians, according to information reaching Petrograd today.

RUN DOWN LIQUOR

Bill in House to Permit Search of Bootlegger's Rooms.

Attempt to End Traffic of Salesmen in Western Kansas.

Representative A. L. Drummond of Norton county today introduced a bill tending to make easier the work of local peace officers in chasing the Kansas bootlegger.

Drummond complains, a bootlegger fills a suit case with bottles of whiskey and starts on his pilgrimage of several towns. He supplies the demands of the thirty in one town and moves to the adjoining county seat.

FILIBUSTER IS IN FULL BLAST

Senate Has Been in Session More Than 24 Hours.

For First Time in Years Every Senator Is There.

THREAT OF EXTRA SESSION

Is Dangled Before the Body by the President.

Republicans Are Prepared to Talk Until March 4.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Another night session of the senate, threat of many more and counter threats of what is

"OUNCE OF PREVENTION"

A report of the burglary and attack in the College Hill neighborhood last night states that after the matter had been reported to the police, officers, answering the call, made a thorough investigation and finally, in true Burns fashion, found the bullet after it had passed through the citizen's body and lodged in the basement wall.

WILL RAISE CROPS

Germans Preparing to Cultivate Soil in Belgium in Spring.

Kansans Hear From Charles F. Scott on Conditions.

Charles F. Scott of Iola, who was delegated to represent this state in the distribution of the \$400,000 cargo

PLAN TO REVISE LAWS OF LABOR

Compensation Act of Kansas May Be Changed.

New Measure Will Be Worked Out by Labor Men.

IT WILL COVER ALL FEATURES

Incorporated Schedules of All Damages Collectable.

Committee Forms Bill Out of Statewide Conferences.

Revision of the compensation law of the state will be proposed in a bill to be introduced in the house this week

HAMMATT REPEATS HIS STORY OF "BLACK HAND"

Topekan Tells of His Attempted Hold-Up on Topeka Avenue Road.

Details of Case Against John Collins Brought Out on Stand.

DETECTIVE DIDN'T ARRIVE

State's Strongest Evidence Did Not Answer the Subpoena Today.

Detective Agency Refuses to Make Promise of His Attendance.

When proceedings began today on the sensational Theodore Hammatt-John Collins alleged black-hand case in the first division of the district court it was feared by county officials that failure on the part of Detective West, a Kansas City sleuth, to answer a subpoena may deprive the state of important evidence in the case.

The Kansas City detective, according to county officials, has failed to answer his summons which was sent to his agency. He is the man who, according to those in the posse, "limmed the witness" when the witness, Theodore Hammatt and began shooting with a revolver when he saw a flashlight in the road.

KAISER AT FRONT

German Emperor Inspects Gen. Von Hindenburg's Army.

Congratulates Soldiers—Tells Them Victory Is Certain.

(By Karl H. Von Weigand.)

Grand Army Headquarters, General von Hindenburg, via Berlin and via Wireless, Feb. 9.—The Kaiser, making his inspection of the troops in the eastern theater of war, has been received with unparalleled enthusiasm. Today he reviewed the main army on the Rawka river and the Silician landwehr battalion and, addressing the various units in turn, congratulated them on their achievements and declared that ultimate victory was certain.

His majesty was in excellent health, showing conclusively that the recently circulated reports that he had been breaking under the strain of the campaign, are groundless.

He held a long conference with General Von Hindenburg and his staff and later inquired into the condition of the Polish inhabitants of the territory now held by the German troops.

AID TO JOB HUNTER.

Howe Bill Today Aimed at State Employment Agencies.

Senator J. W. Howe of Abilene today introduced a bill which will aid the unemployed by providing an agency to be set up in every county in Kansas to provide information to job hunters.

ROCK ISLAND PROBE.

Investigation of Financial Operations of Road February 25.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Investigation into the financial operations of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railway will be resumed by the interstate commerce commission in Washington February 25.

MARCH AND MAY.

Temperature and Sunshine Features for Kansas Today.

March temperature with May sunshine will be the weather combination for today. And the best thing about it is that there is more of practically the same thing in store.

The mercury is down to 17 degrees below zero, and Feb. 12 of the same year was below—and it might be mentioned that February of 1899 was the coldest month of any year experienced in Topeka in 25 seasons.

BLIZZARD WEATHER HANDICAPS TROOPS ON BOTH FRONTIERS



Russian brigade near Lodz (top) and English soldiers in a north France blizzard. Heavy snow falls have taken place along the whole battle front in France, and blizzards have impeded the movements of troops in Austria, Poland and East Prussia.

likely to happen if there are any more. Found President Wilson's ship bill still found tossed about in a sea of doubt today with the Republican filibuster again in full blast.

The senate Republicans declared again they were prepared to talk off a vote until March 4. Some indications of the wearing effects of the long hard fight were coming out of the senate, and Senator Reed, one of the staunchest Democrats, proposed an order for the arrest of all the absentees; in short, he proposed to bring every one of the 96 senators to the chamber and keep them until the bill was disposed of.

His proposal drew a roaring attack and gave prospect of furnishing material for an all day debate. Meanwhile the ship bill itself was waiting practically where it has been for the last two weeks.

At noon the senate had been in session 24 hours and Senator Kern, the Democrat leader, was declaring any motion to adjourn or recess would be defeated. Both sides were stout in their declarations that there would be no more breathing spells and no let up until the deadlock was broken.

BEAR IS OPTIMISTIC.

Topekan Expresses Relief in Chicago That W. L. Franchise Will Stay.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Club owners of the Western League continued their sessions here today with the hope of deciding the future of the Topeka franchise and adopting a 1915 playing schedule in order to adjourn tonight.

Indications were that Topeka would retain its franchise as Simeon Bear, a director of the club who came to Chicago at the request of President O'Neill, was of the opinion that the financial difficulty could be quickly adjusted.

of the Kansas Belgian relief ship, Hannah, has sent a cablegram to W. R. Stubbs, chairman of the Kansas Belgian Relief Fund, in which he says that the condition of affairs in Belgium was not in the least exaggerated.

According to the cablegram the Germans have steam engines at work back of the trenches in Belgium in the preparation of the soil for a crop, but there is a chance that another army will cross the territory before the harvest is reaped and devastate the lands.

The cablegram states that Mr. Scott will sail from London Wednesday on the steamship "Comeric." This means that he should be in Kansas in a little more than a week.

QUIT MAIL ORDER

House Bill to Make Outcasts of Fire Companies.

Insurance Firms Must Comply With All Rules.

A bill that practically makes outcasts of all fire insurance companies writing business in Kansas who have not complied with the law and been regularly licensed here, has been drawn by Frank L. Travis, chairman of the insurance committee of the house. It first makes all contracts of fire insurance companies deemed made and completed in the state, and then makes contracts of all companies not authorized void.

It is aimed at "small order" insurance business. It is claimed, and also at that class of insurance which is unable to qualify under the law, and therefore may be unsafe. The bill also forbids authorized companies from taking over the business of unauthorized companies, and penalizes agents who write business for any company that has not been properly licensed to do business. It will be introduced as a personal measure.

by the labor committee. The bill will be drafted from provisions in three or four compensation bills now before the committee on labor.

The general demands for changes in the law, both by labor organizations and corporations affected by operation of the act, are being considered by the committee. A number of labor representatives have already appeared before the committee and told of their needs and wants.

Damage to be allowed for loss of an eye, an ear, a leg, an arm, a thumb, finger or other member, will find a place in the new bill. The compensation for such injury will be based entirely on the weekly or monthly wage of the employee.

Two bills looking toward amendments to the workmen's compensation act, have been introduced by Speaker Stone. Another house bill will come from Frank V. Travis of Allen county. At least two other bills dealing with existing provisions of the law, are now before the committee.

All of these bills will be considered in drafting the committee bill.

The workmen's compensation act was passed by the 1911 legislature. A few slight changes in the provisions of the law were made in 1913.

AGREE ON GAS PRICE.

The question of the increase of the gas rates now enjoyed by consumers in Topeka can be passed up to the public utilities commission under the bill introduced by Wilson of Jefferson if it meets with the approval of the legislature.

It makes the commission the official board of arbitration for the settlement of such disputes as have arisen in Topeka in the past couple of years by providing that where the community can not agree with the public service corporation over the price of the service performed, the matter shall be taken directly to the utilities commission.

FLY TO U.S.

Air Trip to Atlantic Is Ambition of Zeppelin.

German Count Says It Will Be His Crowning Effort.

"ONLY ON A PEACE MISSION"

Aircraft Inventor Thinks Not of Bombs on New York.

War Interfered With Plans of Great Dirigible Builder.

(By Karl H. Von Weigand.)

Berlin, Feb. 9.—I have always hoped to be the first to pilot an airship across the Atlantic. I have believed that to do so would be the crowning effort of my career," declared Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin, when he resumed his discussion of the possibilities of the giant aircraft that bears his name.

"Not to bombard New York and Washington?" I asked him quickly. The count was very grave as he replied. It was plain from his general attitude that he has been greatly troubled over the charges of ruthlessness in the use of dirigibles in war and intimations that they were "beyond the pale" of civilized warfare.

"Throw bombs on people who have been so kind to me was wiser than them?" he said. "Never, never. I want to sail on a peaceful mission when I go to America. My greatest ambition has been to create an engine of destruction. It has been to demonstrate that the Zeppelins were suited to far greater purposes than to be used as mere instruments of warfare."

Delayed by War. It was evident that the demolition of the skyscrapers of New York, and destruction of the historic structures of Washington were farthest from the thoughts of the man who is responsible for a form of terror which has been so aptly described as "the Zeppelin chill." He seemed to be pondering matters over in his mind. For a few seconds there was silence. Then speaking with an intensity of feeling as though he were talking to himself, the count continued:

"I must try to live long enough for I fear that it won't be accomplished at least not in my lifetime. When you believe that trans-Atlantic aerial travel with a dirigible of the type you have constructed is possible?" I asked.

"Not only possible, but practicable. This war has interfered with my plans. I know that aerial travel will become the quickest and safest method. Zeppelins in their development have, in my opinion, a great future before them. Few people know the delight and safety of travel through the air. They will become great factors for quick passenger and mail service."

"How long do you think it would take a Zeppelin to make a flight from here to New York?" I asked. "Three or four days—perhaps more, perhaps less. It would depend upon the wind and weather. Anyhow, it could hardly be expected that the voyage would be made in the shortest time any more than that the first steamship established the record."

"What will be the trend of development in the Zeppelins of the future?" "Where they are to be utilized for warfare, a form of construction that will permit them to fly much higher than at present. For commercial purposes, they must have greater carrying capacity and greater speed. As compared with the present, it took to develop the railroad, my aircrafts are merely beginning their career. At present they too much depend upon wind and weather."

"The conception of the first flight that I made, I cannot conceive a more inspiring moment than when I pilot one of my cruisers into New York and then go on to Washington."

"There was one defect that the inventor was keenly alive to the defects that are still to be overcome before his airships are completely successful. Plainly he does not think there were many problems still unworked and he did not seem to believe there would ever come great battles in the air on the scale so vividly pictured by imaginative writers of fiction."

"Perhaps there won't be wars when this stage of perfection is reached," the count said.

RECORD FOR WOUNDS.

Paris, Feb. 9.—The record of 79 wounds received by an army surgeon has been broken by Rene Vidar, reservist of Baidney.

While in the trenches a shell exploded immediately behind him and the lower part of his body and limbs were riddled with shrapnel.

From eight in the morning until evening he lay in the trench without even first aid. When he arrived at the auxiliary hospital a thorough examination showed traces of 139 wounds.