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## Lest You Forget--Better Take Advantage Of The Special Offer We Are Making On The Daily Democrat

### LITTLE CHANGE INSITUATION

#### Heavy Counter Attacks By German Troops Are Repulsed.

London, Feb. 3.—In a separate effort to halt the French through Champagne and adjacent Argonne regions, the Germans during the past twenty-four hours have made seven distinct counter attacks without success in a single venture, according to the French war office reports received from Paris today. The official statement from Berlin says the French were on the offensive near Perthes (in the Rheims Sector) and their attacks were repulsed.

The German efforts were directed against the French positions west of Perthes Les Hurlus, north of Mesnil Les Hurlus, north of Massiges and against Hill No. 200 near Perthes in the Champagne district and against Bagatelle in the Argonne, where attacks were made at 3 p. m. and at 6 p. m. on Tuesday and a final assault during the night. Every attempt was repulsed, says Paris.

#### Germans' Gains Temporary.

Artillery activity continues along the entire battle front. This is particularly violent in Flanders where the strength of the German bombardments seems to be trying renewed efforts to cross the Yser. Wherever the Germans have opened hostilities they invariably have gained temporary successes but before the settlement of the issue the Allies almost without exception have regained their lost positions and have inflicted telling losses on the invaders.

Of late the Germans in the region of Lebassee and Lens have adopted a new form of attack. They open terrific musketry and machine gun fusillades which sweep the crest of the French and British trenches, forcing the Allies to hug the walls of their earthworks, but almost never do they follow these fusillades with infantry attacks. Today's afternoon report chronicles the silencing of one such effort by the use of artillery. The French batteries fire quite overcame the German riflemen and they soon were content to remain quiet.

#### Novel Attempt to Destroy Bridges

Novelty was introduced into the fighting north of Albert when the Germans floated several blazing rafts on which were launched high explosives. These came down the Ancre river but were sighted by the sentries and the guns of the French batteries were brought into action, destroying the rafts before they reached the bridges which they were meant to destroy.

#### Portugal Getting Into War on Side of Allies.

London, Feb. 3.—Entry of the eleventh nation into the war on an extensive basis is chronicled

### MORE TOPEKA NEWS.

"We expect their united support." That is the statement that Lieutenant Governor Morgan made in a jocular way in his address delivered at the banquet of the Editorial Association in Topeka last Saturday evening, however, it reminded the Democrats present that it was the united criticisms of the papers that were referred to which had defeated Governor Hodges, and that the united support of these same papers of the present administration was what would prevent the people of the state from getting true insight and accurate criticism of this administration. His statement was made in connection with the fact that they expected the Topeka Capital to support the administration, the Mail and Breeze, Missouri Valley Farmer, Poultry Journal, the Household, and all papers owned and published by Governor Capper, and he also said that they would be re-inforced by the Hutchinson News, the Osborne Farmer, Dodge City Globe, Stafford Republican, and one or two others, all owned and published by state officials or men connected with the state administration. This is the kind of a combination that the Hodges administration had to fight and which severely criticised him all through his term. The question I want to ask is, how will the people of Kansas get state information of an adverse character concerning the doings of this administration, and answer the question at the same time by saying simply by word of mouth and a few country weeklies, and every person who is desirous of reading both sides of the game should subscribe for The Daily Democrat, which will endeavor to give the news.

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in an obscure paragraph of the official statements received from Berlin today.

Chronicling German occupation of the greater part of Angola, Portuguese West Africa, the report adds that "it is reported from Lisbon that the Portuguese government is sending more troops to Africa."

This is the first news of Portugal's active participation in the war against Germany and on the side of the powers of the triple entente.

The death of two German officials of high rank in Angola is reported by Berlin to be amply confirmed.

### HAVE YOU A SON?

Here is something that should interest you. The ministers of Great Bend are more and more inclined to work in unison and harmony. Their latest plan is for each to observe "Father and Son Day" with appropriate services next Sunday. Men who have been content to let their sons go to Sunday School are invited to this service. Every father should plan for his boy to remain for the church service, that father and son may worship together. If you have no son play father to some fatherless boy and bring him to the service. In this day when men are going to the churches in increasing numbers a man should be glad of the opportunity to observe this day. Each minister will have a helpful message suitable for the occasion. The churches should be well filled with men and boys.

### RE-ELECT PROF. SENTER.

One of the important acts of the city school board at their meeting this week was the re-election of Professor Senter to the superintendency of the Great Bend schools for another year. Under the leadership of Mr. Senter during the last five years the Great Bend schools have grown and prospered as never before in a like period in their history and it is a matter of congratulation to the board and the city that they were able to secure his services for another year for he has been the recipient of a number of flattering offers to take charge of schools in larger cities.

### FARM FOR SALE.

East half of the southeast quarter and southwest quarter of section 21, township 1 north, range 18 east.

The above is a description of 120 acres of Oklahoma ranch and timber land, located about 2 1/2 miles east of Stanley, Okla., and about 5 miles southwest of Clayton, Okla., both good towns on the Frisco railway. This tract is in lines with the gas and oil development and according to a special dispatch to the Southwest American, oil has just been found at Clayton. This tract is located near asphalt deposits and is in line with other mineral development. About 1 mile south of the Kiamichi river, one of the largest rivers in Oklahoma, and about 2 miles from the railroad. This tract is a mighty good buy at \$3 per acre cash or you can assume \$144 payable in 3 equal annual installments the first being due in November, 1915, at 6 per cent. Non-taxable until paid out. Abstract of title and warranty deed furnished.—Dawson & Zulavern, Great Bend.

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Mrs. E. Dana Trout returned Monday evening from a visit with relatives and friends in Hutchinson.

Oscar Shaffer, of the Smoke House Barber Shop, was called to Topeka Monday morning by a message announcing the serious illness of his mother, who lives at that place.

Mrs. Robert Erbe, of east of town, has been dangerously ill the past ten days and for several days past has been cared for at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. W. Miller, in this city. A still born child was born Sunday evening and since that time Mrs. Erbe has showed a slight improvement but is still in a very precarious condition.

Miss Genevieve Moses has resigned her position as instructor in English in the Great Bend High School and has returned to her home in Joplin, Mo. Her father died a short time ago and since that time her mother has been in very poor health and she decided that it was best that she give up her school work and return home. Miss Noyma Mering has been secured as instructor in English in her place and as she is one of the prominent instructors of the state can be counted on to maintain the high standard set by Miss Moses in this department.

### STATE CAPITOL DOINGS

Our Republican friends who are now running the state, from Capper down, and especially Mr. Keene, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, are sending out an S. O. S. call on the appropriations. They find themselves confronted with being compelled to either reduce appropriations and cripple institutions or secure additional revenue by raising values or tax levies. This is particularly distressing to those who were so loud in their remarks during the recent campaign as to the extravagance of the Hodges administration. Notably Auditor Davis and Treasurer Akers. In his statement to the legislature of the appropriations needed, the State Auditor had the total amount reduced about one-half million dollars below the appropriation for 1913. This one-half million dollars is accounted for by various appropriations which were necessary for 1913 that did not need to be made in 1915, chief among them being \$175,000 to finish the Memorial Building and probably \$150,000 which was necessary for the initial work on the text book proposition, then in his estimate he charged the 1913 legislature with legislative expenses which he did not include in his 1915 budget. Two or three other similar items make up more than the one-half million dollar reduction that he had recommended to the legislature. Now that they have gotten into the work and found some of the things they have to do or else be accused by the people of the state of ruining our institutions, that are for once on a good footing, and in order to protect themselves in the coming campaign, they are making many pretensions towards economy. The people of the state want economy but they do not want the peanut kind, and that is what they are going to get if Mr. Keene, in a recent interview, represented the attitude of the majority of the house. Of course, Mr. Keene is a candidate for Governor at some future date and his actions smack of politics. The people of the state are ready to extend all the financial assistance that our institutions need for their continued running.

Much was said during the last two years concerning civil service and the disruptions of various departments of the state and state institutions by the appointment of new appointees. We notice, however, that so far Mr. Capper has been of the same opinion that Governor Hodges was concerning the ability of men, and the fact that Adjutant General Martin is slated for reappointment as Adjutant General, and the former Governor Hoch is slated for reappointment on the Board of Administration and that Mr. Kinkel is slated for reappointment on the Public Utilities Commission, all men that were appointed by Hodges, shows to the public that his appointments have been good. Two of these appointments were initial appointments, Martin having previously been Adjutant General.

Evidently Mr. Speaker Stone is of the opinion that no one but a lawyer can formulate a bill to be submitted to the legislature, and in spite of the fact that he has talked about useless commissions etc., he now wants a commission of lawyers to draft each bill that is introduced in the legislature. Taken all in all there are some funny things looming up on the horizon and even now are happening and in a little while longer our Republican brethren will find that things look entirely different to the people of the state, than they succeeded in getting them to look a few months ago. We shall see what we shall see and in the meantime, a Democratic President and a Democratic congress are sawing wood and fulfilling pledges of their party and the Democratic senate is a safety valve that the people of Kansas have on the job during this state administration.

J. C. Shaffer, of Shaffer, Kans., was a Great Bend visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Roy Johnson came over from LaCrosse the first of the week for a visit with relatives and friends.

### ENTERTAINED FOR

#### MISS EWALT.

Mrs. Howard Diefenbacher entertained a number of the young people of the city at her home on West Lakin avenue last Friday evening in honor of her niece, Miss Clara Ewalt, of Springdale, Ark. The evening was most delightfully spent in playing "500," and afterwards a fine two course luncheon was served, and the guests report the occasion as one of the most enjoyable of the season. Those present were the Misses Hattie Martin, Verna Griffith, Vera Ewalt, Letha and Dorinda Morrison and Messrs. R. Murphy, A. Geil, W. Weber, W. Jurgensen, O. Bastian and Mr. Black.

### NO RESPECTOR OF PERSONS.

Evidently the thief or thieves who have been operating in this city for the past ten days, have no more respect for the city officials than they have for ordinary mortals, for the home of Mayor O. W. Dawson was entered last Friday evening and \$15 in money and a few other articles taken.

### SUSPECTED BURGLAR

#### IS ARRESTED.

Last night Sheriff Brown arrested a man named Morris at the Great Bend Hotel. He was found under a bed at that place, but as the house is run by a relative he may claim that he had a right to be there. His actions have been suspicious for some time and his record will be fully investigated. There have been too many burglaries of late to let any suspicious person go and the officers are determined to get the guilty parties.

### ANOTHER WALK FOR COURT HOUSE PARK.

Our county and city commissioners have agreed to put in a six-foot walk from the southeast corner of the park to the court house, also a crossing from the southeast corner to the corner occupied by E. E. Cook. This is a needed improvement and our officers should be commended for doing it.

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Mrs. S. H. Gwinn returned Wednesday morning from a visit of a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gwinn and family at Scott City.

Julius Broekel, the popular and progressive merchant of Red Wing, was looking after business matters and visiting with friends in the city Wednesday.

E. J. Eveleigh, of Boyd, Peter Brack, of Olmitz, and Robert Hamilton, of Claffin, were here this week attending a meeting of the Bank and attending to other business matters and visiting with friends.

Mrs. Dr. F. G. Smith and Mrs. Leo Wilcek most delightfully entertained a number of their lady friends at a luncheon at the Wilcek home Wednesday afternoon, and the occasion is said by the guests to have been one of the most enjoyable social functions of the season.

Jacob Seigfried and wife, of north of Hoisington, were in the city last Saturday on their way up the Scott City branch to visit with relatives. Jacob reports that the north side of Barton county is in splendid shape for this time of the year, so far as relates to the wheat conditions.

The Great Bend Transfer Company have moved to the room formerly occupied by the Gun Print Shop. The Postal Telegraph and the Great Bend Fuel, Ice & Storage Co., also have offices there. This room has been refurnished and will be one of the best offices in the city when finally arranged.

Will Morrison came in from Denver, Colo., the first of the week for a short visit here with his brother, Jack, and family, and on Wednesday in company with Miss Letha Morrison, left for Jefferson, Okla., for a visit with Charles Morrison and family. The Morrison boys are all in the contracting business and at the present time are figuring on some big contracts in Utah.

### EPIDEMIC OF ROBBERIES.

#### Many Great Bend Homes Broken Into In Past Week.

Great Bend has been undergoing an epidemic of robberies the past week or ten days, and the work in the different places point to the fact that probably a gang of petty robbers are sojourning in the community. So far none of the guilty parties have been apprehended but the officers are of the opinion that they have about all the evidence they need and some arrests are liable to occur shortly.

Last Friday evening the home of Mrs. George Pratt, in the west part of town, was entered early in the evening while Mrs. Pratt and daughters were away from home and a gold watch, a locket, some bedding and eatables were taken, besides a small sum of money which Mrs. Pratt had left in her purse. Evidently the robbers were not entirely satisfied with their haul, for the house had been entirely ransacked, bureau drawers being pulled out and their contents disturbed, and other damage done in their search for valuables.

Joe Schaefer, who lives in the southeast part of town and works at the produce house had his home entered Monday night, and as a result is minus about all of his wearing apparel, besides a number of other articles. A suit of clothes, an overcoat, shoes and other articles of men's wear, besides other things, were taken, and the pantry was also completely ransacked, and about everything in the eatable line in the house was also carried off.

The home of R. C. VanAken, on South Holland street, was entered Saturday night and a revolver and some eatables taken. An attempt was also made the same night to enter the Luther Riggan home, but the burglars were evidently frightened away by passers-by before they gained entrance. This robbery and attempted robbery both occurred before 9 o'clock in the evening. An attempt was also made to enter the home of George Dunn one night last week, but Mr. Dunn heard them trying to pry the window open and they made their get-away.

The Hulme mill was broken into last Friday evening and a number of sacks of flour were stolen, and the average has been about one raid each night for the past week. As a result the people are beginning to "look a little out" and some one is liable to be greeted with a load of shot while on a nightly excursion.

Dr. F. G. Smith has been on the sick list a part of the week, being a sufferer from a severe cold and complications.

Mrs. D. A. Weltmer and Mrs. Willis Bolinger will entertain at a "500" party at the Weltmer home this evening.

Mrs. H. S. Converse has been on the sick list for several days past. For some time she was in a very serious condition but is reported to be improving some at the present time.

Trustee John Doherty, of Lakin township, was attending to business matter and visiting with his many friends in the city Wednesday and called at this office to order the new daily sent to his address the coming year. Mr. Doherty has out over 500 acres of wheat and is more than pleased with the present outlook. He raised over 9,000 bushels of wheat last year, and says that if the prospects continue as good as they now are that his crop this year will be even larger.

Auctioneer Joe Sprinker, of Ellinwood, is going to have the distinction of crying one of the very largest sales ever held in this part of the state when he officiates at the big J. W. Sheehy sale near Chase next Friday, February 12. Included in the list will be over 100 head of cattle, many of them good milk cows and the most of the balance yearling steers; 20 head of horses and mules; 20 head of hogs; about \$1,000 worth of harness, besides a lot of fine farming machinery, household goods, hay, overcoats and robes and a great many other articles. Mr. Sprinker will be assisted in crying the sale by Auctioneer Hopkins, of Lyons.



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