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THE WEATHER  
Cloudy

### SUNDAY PREACHES UNDISTURBED; SAVE BY A CRYING BABY

Squad of Detectives on Hand to Prevent Any Attempt Upon Life of Evangelist at Appointed Hour.

MANY CURIOUS ARE PRESENT  
Revivalist Delivers His Sermon on the "Secret of Failure" to Audience.

ON THE JOB FOR THE MINISTERS

Although death by dynamite at the Thursday afternoon meeting had been threatened in a "blackhand" letter sent to "Billy" Sunday, nothing disturbed the revivalist's sermon except the innocent crying of a baby, whose mother had smuggled it past the line of ushers instead of putting it in the "Tab" nursery.

Many curious men had been attracted to the "Tab" by the report of the threatened bomb throwing, but the women were in far fewer numbers than usual, supposedly for the same reason, so the total attendance was considerably below normal. A squad of police detectives, headed by Sergeants Patsk Havy and Tom Donahue, watched the crowd carefully in anticipation of a possible attempt on Sunday's life.

Baby Only Interruption.  
At 2:15 o'clock, the hour appointed for the threatened dynamiting, all was quiet and peaceful, except for the evangelist's talking, and the meeting was conducted without interruption except by the crying baby.

Preaching about "The Secret of Failure," the revivalist made these statements in the course of his sermon: "I don't give three whoops this side of hell whether the world likes my preaching or not. If you don't like it, that's no compliment to you."

"God's riches make Andrew Carnegie look like a plug counterfeit cent alongside of a \$1,000 government bill. Not society, low wages or other non-sensical excuses, but the blackheartedness of individuals, is to blame for sin and cussedness."

Greatest Curse of Day.  
"Popular novels and other miserable puke from the modern press is one of the curses of the day."

"Can you pray God to bless you, with booze in your cellars and the beer wagon at the door? He will damn you instead, and some of you old deacons had better scoot down out of sight."

"Envy is one of the greatest robbers today. Don't envy the man with an auto if you can't afford one. You can get a street car ride for a nickel—if you don't like the smell of gasoline."

"The hardest nowadays is to be pastor of the average church. He can't skin 'em like I do, so I'm on the job for him."

### Iron Workers Wire Greetings to Ryan

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23.—The International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, in session here today, telegraphed greetings to former officers now serving prison terms, including Frank N. Ryan, former president, in federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and J. J. McNamara, former secretary, and Eugene A. Clancy, former member of the general executive board, in San Quentin, Cal., penitentiary.

### British Steamship Groningen is Sunk

LONDON, Sept. 23.—The British steamship Groningen, 986 tons gross, has been blown up. One member of the crew lost his life and several others were wounded. The survivors were landed today.

### The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Partly cloudy; cooler.

Hour	Deg.
5 a. m.	50
6 a. m.	50
7 a. m.	50
8 a. m.	50
9 a. m.	50
10 a. m.	50
11 a. m.	50
12 m.	50
1 p. m.	50
2 p. m.	50
3 p. m.	50
4 p. m.	50
5 p. m.	50
6 p. m.	50
7 p. m.	50

Comparative Local Record.

Official record of temperature and precipitation for the corresponding period of the last three years:	1915	1914	1913	1912
Highest yesterday	65	59	56	59
Lowest yesterday	45	40	36	39
Mean temperature	55	50	46	49
Precipitation for day	.70	.30	.20	.20

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	High	Rain
Omaha, Neb.	50	51	0.00
St. Louis, Mo.	50	51	0.00
Chicago, Ill.	50	51	0.00
Denver, Colo.	50	51	0.00
Dayton, Ohio	50	51	0.00
Des Moines, Ia.	50	51	0.00
North Platte, Neb.	50	51	0.00
Lincoln, Neb.	50	51	0.00
Rapid City, S. Dak.	50	51	0.00
Salt Lake City, Utah	50	51	0.00
Portland, Ore.	50	51	0.00
San Francisco, Cal.	50	51	0.00
St. Paul, Minn.	50	51	0.00
Valentine, Neb.	50	51	0.00

### "BILLY'S" SMILE AN IMPORTANT FACT

When "Billy" Sunday smiles his whole face is lit up, and he gets a warm response from all who hear or see him then.



### PREACHERS HAVE CAMPAIGN CARDS

Large Number of Candidates at the Methodist Conference for Quadrennial General Meet.

TO SELECT LAY DELEGATES  
Wire pulling is an important side activity at the big conference of Nebraska Methodist preachers now in session at First Methodist church, and for whom the municipal welcome arch is now decorated.

The ministers are not making a political campaign out of their meetings, but in the halls and anterooms of the conference, and after each session, a large part of the talk deals with candidates and "the election." Campaign cards are even being circulated by friends of some of the candidates.

The wire pulling will be brought to a head at the conference this morning at 10:30 o'clock, when the election will be held. Ten ministerial delegates are to be elected to represent the conference of Nebraska at the quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church of the world, to be held throughout the month of May next year at Saratoga, N. Y.

All Strive for the Honor.  
Because election as a delegate probably constitutes the highest honor within the power of the church to bestow, there are many candidates. The general world-wide conference is held only once every four years, lasts thirty days and all expenses of delegates are paid by the church.

An equal number of lay delegates to the same conference will be chosen Friday by the Nebraska conference of Methodist laymen, which will meet at the First Congregational church.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 23.—Dr. Jefferson D. Gibson of Denver, president of the American Association of Clinical Research, declared in an address at the Hahnemann Medical college here today that within ten years medical science will probably have succeeded in all but eliminating death from tuberculosis from vital statistics.

Dr. Gibson, whose address opened the seventh annual meeting of the association, said that recent discoveries by which the presence of tubercular tendencies can be detected, even before the germs appear in the sputum, together with a later and higher development of the X-ray, will in a short time remove tuberculosis from the list of necessarily fatal diseases.

### Physician Predicts Early Elimination of Tuberculosis

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### GERMANS LOSE A QUARTER MILLION MEN NEAR VILNA

Russian War Authorities Assert Teutons Suffered Terribly in Battles About the Fortress.

THEIR WITHDRAWAL COMPLETE  
Muscovite Army Now Believed Extricated from Perilous Position it Was In.

BERESINA CROSSING PLANNED

PETROGRAD, Sept. 23.—(Via London.)—The Russian military authorities regard the withdrawal from the very difficult position near Vilna, which for a time seriously menaced a large army, as virtually completed. They assert the Germans have lost 250,000 men in their recent operations in this region.

According to latest information received here the line now runs from Osmiana to Smorgon, which is on the left bank of the Vilna, west of Vilna. From Smorgon the line extends to Lebedev, protecting the Molodechno railway junction. Thence it parallels the Vilna-Lida railway, crossing the Lida-Molodechno railway, and extending across the Gaidava river at a point eighteen miles east of Lida. The line then runs to Novy, Moloch, Miodovy, to the east of Lake Vygonovski and eastward along the Oranski canal to Lysha and the junction of the Jasoldo river, with the Vilna east of Pinsk. The remainder of the line is Russian.

Russian officers admit that the new front in the Vilna region is interrupted in places. The region to the east of Lida and south of Molodechno is intersected by a multitude of rivulets. These are embarrassing the German advance, necessitating a detour northward, and consequently co-operation between the German group in the vicinity of Vilna and that near Lida will be difficult.

The Russians believe that the Germans contemplate a race for crossings of the Beresina river, particularly at Borisav, thirty-eight miles northeast of Minsk, where Napoleon came to grief in 1812. The Red Cross hospitals evacuated Vilna in good order. Two local hospitals, with 300 wounded, remained in the city, it being impossible to move them.

### Kuropatkin Shares Command of Armies With War Minister

BERLIN, Sept. 23.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—The report reached Berlin today from Petrograd by way of Stockholm that radical changes in the leadership of the Russian army, affecting the highest military officials, were soon to be made.

This report was contained in a dispatch from the Stockholm correspondent of the Local Anker, as given out here today by the Overseas News agency. Quoting from this dispatch, the news agency says: "The well informed Russian press reports that Emperor Nicholas is commander-in-chief of the Russian forces in name only. The actual power is in the hands of the experienced leaders, General Follvannoff, minister of war, and General Kuropatkin. Plans soon will be formulated for radical reforms, including reorganization of the highest military officials."

"The disorders which followed the prorogation of the Duma were violent. Work was stopped in a third of the factories at the capital and there were demonstrations by crowds in the streets. General Proloff, commander of the military district of the capital, issued a proclamation to the workmen saying that suspension of work would be regarded by General Ruskay as high treason and that although the nation felt heavily the events occurring in the war, popular outbreaks were unjustifiable."

The dowager empress has been designated to assist the empress, whose condition of health is such as to interfere with the performance of her duties."

### Boycott Aimed at Germany Would Hit Switzerland

BERLIN, Sept. 23.—(By Wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.)—"Parliament of the French-Italian economic conference at Genoa, Italy, are beginning to leak out," says the Overseas News Agency today.

"The chief subject of discussion was a boycott of German commerce after the war, to be accomplished by providing direct lines of communication from England to Italy via Marseilles and Genoa, thus doing away with the present system of international traffic and shutting out the German railways."

"A realization of this plan means serious damage to Switzerland, as that country is the connecting link in the north and south route. Swiss public men are carefully following the course of the negotiations with a view to preventing the proposed boycott of Germany from having injurious effect upon Swiss interests."

### Free Coupon For the Best Movies

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### United States Wins Important Diplomatic Victory in Frye Case

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Germany's latest note on the sinking of the American sailing ship William P. Frye, made public today by the State department, discloses an important diplomatic victory for the United States.

Germany's acceptance of the proposal to fix damages by commission and to let the Hague pass upon disputed treaty rights involved. It also gives assurances that no more American ships carrying conditional contraband will be destroyed under any circumstances.

American ships carrying contraband, however, still may be destroyed. What effect this can have in practical operation is problematical because Germany and Great Britain in their retaliations have made absolute contraband practically everything which was conditional under the declaration of London.

### JOHN D.'S ATTITUDE TOWARD UNIONS

He Says He Does Not Care Whether His Employees Are Members or Not.

MUST TREAT ALL MINERS ALIKE  
ROUSE, Colo., Sept. 23.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr. today stated flatly that the Colorado Fuel and Iron company does not care whether its miners belong to a union or not. The statement was made in a conference between Rockefeller, David Griffith, grievance mediator of the company, and C. A. Mitchell, grievance representative of the Rouse miners. Mitchell is a negro.

In the course of the conference, which was in the open air under a blazing sun, somebody asked Mitchell whether members of the United Mine Workers came to him with their grievances against the company. "I don't remember that any union men have complained since I was elected representative," said Mitchell. "I don't believe Mitchell knows whether they are union men or not," broke in Rockefeller. "I am quite sure the officers of the company don't, and let me tell you, the Colorado Fuel and Iron company doesn't care whether its men belong to the union or not."

"Look here," he flashed, turning to Griffiths. "Do you make any distinction between union and nonunion men in settling the grievances appeal to you by the miners?"

"Certainly not," replied Griffiths. "Are not all the men treated alike as long as they are willing to work and behave themselves?" persisted Rockefeller.

"Yes," Griffiths answered. "The Rockefeller party made the thirty-mile drive from Trinidad, arriving shortly before 10 o'clock. Enroute five trouble on the Rockefeller machine caused a slight delay near Aguilera, the scene of considerable hitting and disorder, during the strike. After the conference the party proceeded to Lester and expected to reach Walsenburg for tonight's stop."

Meets Both Mediators.  
Mr. Rockefeller today had his first meeting with Griffiths, who was selected as the company mediator when the plan of dealing with labor grievances through representatives of the men was inaugurated several months ago. Immediately Rockefeller announced that he wanted to confer with Griffiths in the presence of the labor representative. So the pit boss was ordered to find Mitchell, who was working a mile inside the mine. Mitchell was produced and the conference began.

Rockefeller, restless and with his hat pushed back from his perspiring brow, shot rapid fire questions at Griffiths and Mitchell in turn.

"How do you happen to be the grievance representative of the men?" he asked Mitchell.

"They elected me, sub," replied the negro grinning with pride. "How did they elect you?" "At a mass meeting."

"Mass meeting of whom?" "Of the men at the camp, sub."

"Any company officers there?" Rockefeller boomed in.

"Oh, no, sub."

"How do the men feel, free to come to you with any complaint they have against the company?"

"Yes, dey does," Mitchell replied. "Do you sometimes find that the foreman or the pit boss has been in the wrong, and treated a man unjustly?" persisted Rockefeller.

"Oh yes, sub, and when dey has, I go to Mistal Griffiths and he fixes it up."

Questions for Griffiths.  
Rockefeller whirled on Griffiths, "do these grievance representatives ever have to take anything over your head to the president of the company?" he demanded.

"They never have yet," placidly replied Griffiths. "Usually the grievance is adjusted by the superintendent without even reaching me."

"How do these complaints reach you?" "Well I go from camp to camp myself and talk to these grievance representatives," said Griffiths.

"Don't you wait for them to send for you?" "Not on your life, I don't. I hunt them up and ask them anything is the matter between them and the superintendents. That's what you hired me for, isn't it?"

### TEUTON ARMIES BEGIN DRIVE AT CITY OF DVINSK

Fortress on Dvina Which Blocks the Road to Petrograd is Now the Objective of the Teutonic Movement.

RUSSIAN TRENCHES ARE TAKEN  
Cear's Forces Gain Minor Success at Friedrichstadt, Further Down the River.

BULGARIA CENTER OF INTEREST

BERLIN, Sept. 23.—(Via London.)—The new German offensive movement, with its object the capture of the important Russian fortified city of Dvinsk, has made definite progress. The war office announced today that Russian advanced positions west of the city had been penetrated, and that more than 2,000 prisoners and several machine guns had been captured.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—The strongly fortified Russian city of Dvinsk, on the Dvina, 110 miles southeast of Riga, has become the new German objective, now that the Russian armies apparently have escaped from the Vilna net. The German forces east and southeast of Lida are now making rapid progress, but their increased speed at this time is expected to gain them little in view of the fact that the safe retreat of the greater part of the Russian forces now seems to be assured.

The chief success of the Germans in the last day or two has been along the Dvina front, which leads the road to Petrograd. Southwest of Dvinsk, the invaders captured Russian trenches on a front of nearly two miles, taking 2,000 prisoners and eight machine guns. Further down the river, near Friedrichstadt, the Russians have gained minor success.

For the time being the domestic situation in Russia is quiet. The strike in protest at the prorogation of the Duma has been suspended, but may be revived if the government persists in its opposition to the movement in favor of re-assembling parliament and permitting the formation of a new cabinet.

Along the western front the French report destruction of a German patrol in Champagne. Berlin states that the patrol was withdrawn after destroying French works.

Mobilization of Bulgarian forces continues to excite keen interest, but the settlement as well as the neutral world regards it in the light of the purpose which dictates this movement.

French Official Report.  
PARIS, Sept. 23.—The violent artillery fighting which has characterized the operations in France for more than three weeks past, was continued yesterday and last night at a number of places along the battle line, according to announcement given out this afternoon by the French war office. The engagements were particularly severe near Rocquencourt and to the north and south of the River Avre.

The text of the communication follows: "In the Artois district the enemy last night bombarded violently the sector of Rocquencourt, as well as our trenches located to the south of the River Scarpe, in the department of Pas de Calais. Our artillery responded vigorously. There have been some engagements in the region of Neuville. Our artillery has directed an intense and efficacious fire against the German trenches to the north and south of the River Avre, as well as upon Bourguignon.

"In the Champagne district a German mine was exploded yesterday in the northwest of Perthes, but without causing important damage. The fire of our batteries resulted in the blowing up of several depots of German ammunition."

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