

**Ak-Sar-Ben Dates,**  
SEPT 24 to OCT. 4  
**Electrical Parade—**  
Wednesday, October 1  
**Auto Floral Parade—**  
Thursday, October 2  
**Coronation Ball—**  
Friday, October 3  
Con T. Kennedy shows every afternoon and evening.

**BRIEF BRIGHT REEZY**  
BITS OF NEWS

**ACE NUNGESESSER WILL EDIT WOMAN'S PAPER.**  
Paris, Sept. 13.—Lieutenant Nun-gesser, who, with Lieutenant Fonck, shares the title of "Ace of Aces" among French aviators, and has been mentioned in dispatches so many times that he has to wear two war crosses so that the ribbons may be long enough to carry all the stars to which he is entitled, will become editor of Eve, a woman's magazine.

**CUP OF TEA SCALDS CHILD TO DEATH.**  
London, Sept. 13.—Walter Saunt, 12, son of Edward Saunt of Ashton, is dead as the result of a singular scalding accident. The boy came into his grandmother's house for tea and pressed down the saucer of a cup of freshly made tea on the table, causing the contents to scald his chin, neck and breast.

**FALLING AVIATOR APPEARS TO MOTHER.**  
London, Sept. 13.—Nearly 100,000, including 50,000 ex-service men, who marched in procession to Hyde park attended the memorial service to men fallen in the war.

The bishop of London told the story of a mother whom he knew whose only son, aged 19, had been killed by falling 3,000 feet in an air battle. On hearing the news she was broken hearted.  
Suddenly she saw a bright form clothed just as her son had left her. She felt his arms round her, his lips on hers, and in a voice of indescribable tenderness he said: "No, mummy, I am not allowed to come back to you on earth again, and vanished. Those visions were only very seldom vouchsafed and faith did not depend upon them, the bishop said, but they enforced what they were promised, and that was that their son, their husband, friend or comrade was the same person five minutes after death as he was before. He advised them, however, to have nothing to do with spiritualism. "Let the great scientists," he said, "let Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir Conan Doyle do what they like, but do not let the ordinary mourner spend his hours in trying to get into communication with the dead."

**SOLDIER HOUSEMAID MAKES GOOD ON JOB.**  
London, Sept. 13.—Mrs. Onslow Master, who advertised this week for a woman to do a parlor maid's work, received 16 replies. A former sergeant got the job. "I have had such trials trying to train girls and have met with such scant success that I resolved to give preference to men," said Mrs. Master. "Men make excellent house servants; they are better workers than the average girl of today and are less disconcerted."

**SELL \$1,000 NECKLACE FOR TWO CREAM CONES.**  
Paris, Sept. 13.—Two ice cream cones was the price which two Parisian pearls received for a \$1,000 pearl necklace one of them had stolen from an American Red Cross worker here.

The Red Cross girl, whose name is not made public, was a guest at the hotel where the two boys, Albert Marant and Jean Arnal, were employed. Both pearls and the ice cream man are in La Sante prison.

**CONFESSED SLAYER CAN'T FIND VICTIM.**  
London, Sept. 13.—Sergeant William H. Ring, 25, South Africa infantryman wearing two wound stripes and four service chevrons, was held in Brixton prison for a week while the police tried to find a woman he said he murdered.

Sergeant Ring said he had many drinks with the woman and then went to her house. On leaving he found his money was gone and accused her of theft. They quarreled, he said, and finally he had to fight her, meantime backing toward the door. She slipped and fell, striking on her head. He picked her up and found her dead.

I jumped out of the window, which is on the first floor, and spoke to a discharged soldier, who advised me to come to the police," Ring said.  
He gave the number as 16 Baker street, which the police found was a store. After a week a woman in a hospital reported the attack, but declined to make charges.

**SHOAL OF FISH DRIVE WOMEN FROM WATER.**  
London, Sept. 13.—Early bathers at Folkestone were disturbed by a large shoal of mackerel suddenly appearing in their midst. Women ran screaming out of the water.

**DENIED CHILDREN, SHE SUES FOR HER FREEDOM.**  
Oakland, Cal., Sept. 13.—Charging that her husband, Edwin J. Willoughby, a salesman, refuses to allow her to have a family, and that he concealed from her the fact that he was opposed to rearing children, Mrs. Winifred Willoughby has filed an action for divorce in the Alameda county superior court. She left him immediately, she says, when he announced he would not be a father.

**FAILS TO GET TITLE AND LOSES LEGACY.**  
London, Sept. 13.—Because he failed to attain the title of baronet or a higher honor, the son of the late Charles William Wallace, former Indian merchant, is bereft of a legacy amounting to more than \$1,250,000. Wallace stipulated in his will that his estate, valued at this sum, should go to the British and Indian treasures in the event that his son failed to be honored.

OMAHA, THE GATE CITY OF THE WEST, OFFERS YOU GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES.

# THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

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**THE WEATHER:**  
Unsettled Sunday; somewhat cooler in northwest; Monday probably fair.

Hourly temperatures:	
6 a. m.	63
7 a. m.	64
8 a. m.	64
9 a. m.	65
10 a. m.	66
11 a. m.	66
12 noon	66

## MORALS SQUAD ABOLISHED

### WILSON IN COLLISION AT REVIEW

**Presidential Party Severely Jarred When Its Launch Is Struck by Another Boat in Harbor at Seattle.**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE INSPECTS SQUADRON**  
**President Flies Own Flag From History-Famed Battleship Oregon and Receives Naval Salutes of 21 Guns.**

Seattle, Sept. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—Marking the first time a president of the United States has flown his flag in Seattle's harbor, President Wilson today reviewed the great Pacific fleet from the decks of history-famed battleship Oregon in Elliott bay. The review followed the president's arrival from Tacoma, and also followed an incident which nearly resulted in serious consequences for the presidential party when the president's launch collided bow on with a naval whale boat.

Arriving at the dock it was found the barge of Admiral Rodman, which was supposed to be awaiting the president, was not on hand. Commander P. W. Foote, personal aide to Secretary Daniels, promptly took over a naval launch on hand. Into this launch went the president and Mrs. Wilson, Secretary and Mrs. Daniels, secret service men, secretaries and newspaper men traveling with Mr. Wilson.

As Commander Foote ordered the launch shoved off the small craft heeled over till the port rail was nearly under water. Starting ahead then the craft ran bow on into another launch, giving the presidential party a severe jar. The president, however, sat serenely in the aft part of the launch and smiled.  
Elliott bay, near the pier where the collision occurred, was alive with boats from the fleet taking off last minute spectators to the reviewing ship. Captain's gigs and whale boats were criss-crossing among a hundred pleasure craft when Commander Foote ordered the naval launch to proceed. With its powerful engine, the boat shot forward virtually at full speed from the dock. It had proceeded but several lengths when it collided with the naval whale boat which was approaching the dock. The collision sent the president's boat to their seats, but aside from the shaking up no damage was done. A stiff breeze over the sound blowing at the time made a choppy sea.

**Oregon Weighs Anchor.**  
Promptly at 2:45 the Oregon weighed anchor and moved majestically down the bay, passing in order the dreadnaughts New Mexico, flagship of Admiral Rodman, commander-in-chief of the fleet; Mississippi, Idaho, Texas and New York. From each huge fighting ship roared salvos of 21 guns in salute, while above over the sparkling water circled two airplanes. Passing on the Oregon laid to and the scout cruiser Birmingham, flagship of Rear Admiral Wiley, sped into view.

### Monday Marks Beginning of Big Drive for The Relief of Jewish War Sufferers

Millions of Semites Near Starvation in Eastern European Countries—For First Time in History of American Jewry, Israelites Ask Aid of Other Creeds for a Specific Jewish Relief Work.

Tomorrow marks the beginning of the week's drive for a \$400,000 fund for the relief of Jewish war sufferers in Poland, Galicia, Lithuania and other European countries, this being Nebraska's share of a \$35,000,000 national fund.  
Headquarters of the campaign are being maintained in a hut created on the court house square in Omaha. George Brandeis, well known Omaha merchant, is treasurer of the state committee and contributions may be sent direct to him, in care of the Nebraska Jewish War Relief committee.  
**Backed By Nation's Leaders.**  
Backed by the endorsement of President Wilson, Vice President Marshall and Cardinal Gibbons, Governor McKelvie and prominent men of varied creeds and interests, the Nebraska committee expects a quick and general response to its appeal. By official proclamations of Governor McKelvie the week has been

### COUNTY OFFICERS DISCOVER "PLANT" OF AUTO THIEVES

Five Cars Recovered and Arrests May Follow Today.

Sheriff Michael Clark and Deputies Harry Dworsky and Albert Johnson believe that they have uncovered an extensive automobile ring in Omaha in the discovery of five stolen automobiles in a shed on the north side yesterday afternoon by Dworsky, Johnson and Investigator Michael F. Dempsey. The sheriff refuses to tell just yet the location of the shed in which the cars were found. No arrests have been made.  
The arresting officers have kept a steady watch on the shed since Thursday, when their attention was attracted to it by two "suspicious-looking" cars standing near.  
When the place was raided yesterday only one car was found in the shed, but four more were recovered from "tips" obtained there. The shed is thought by the sheriff to be headquarters for an auto-thieving ring. Dies for the changing or car numbers were found in the place.  
The county officers expect to make several arrests today and tomorrow in connection with the case. Two more stolen cars have been traced to Council Bluffs and will probably be recovered today.

### BURGLAR ALARM GOES OFF AND FRIGHTENS GIRLS

Employees of Lion Bonding Company Think Bandit Is Looting Vault.

Pedestrians in the neighborhood of Nineteenth and Douglas streets were startled early Friday night when the burglary alarm in the vault of the Lion Bonding company, Kennedy building, began ringing and would not cease.  
In the offices at the time were three girl employees.  
When the alarm first sounded the girls ran screaming from the building, fearful a bandit was endeavoring to tunnel his way through the vault walls and loot the safe.  
The alarm sounded at police headquarters and three uniformed officers hurried to the building. A passerby in the street sounded a fire alarm. In a few minutes fire fighters had placed a ladder in Nineteenth street and in helmets and axes swinging at their belts came through the windows.  
All this while the alarm kept merrily ringing.  
A huge crowd had gathered outside the building.  
None in the office knew the combination of the vault and no one was capable of adjusting the mechanism of the alarm so as to shut off the ringing bell.  
Finally H. C. Leigh, assistant secretary of the Lion Bonding company, was called on the phone. He hurried to the office, opened the vault and stilled the beating cymbals.

### Ohio Commission Bans Phone Connecting Charge

Columbus, O., Sept. 13.—The Ohio public utilities commission in a decision handed down today ordered telephone companies operating in Ohio to discontinue after October 1 the \$3.50 connection charge authorized by Postmaster General Burleson while the wires were under federal control.

### King and Queen of Belgians May Visit Omaha on U. S. Tour

The king and queen of the Belgians may visit Omaha.  
John W. Gamble, president of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, has authorized the executive committee of that organization to extend an invitation to the royal party for a definite date has not been set for the king and queen's visit in this country, but latest reports indicate that it will be some time next month.  
King Albert is considered one of the most heroic figures of the world war, and extensive plans will be made for his reception here if the comes. That he will accept Omaha's invitation is believed to be quite possible, as it is understood that the royal party will make an extended tour of America during their visit.

### Mexican General to Lead Army Against U. S. if Land Invaded

Nogales, Ariz., Sept. 13.—General Alvaro Obregon, former minister of war in the Carranza cabinet and a candidate for president in 1920, announced today that he would take the field against the United States in the event of armed intervention by the United States.  
At the same time General Obregon denied statements he claimed had been made in the United States that he is anti-American, claiming these statements were the work of propagandists.  
**Grain Men Lose Licenses.**  
New York, Sept. 13.—Revocation of the licenses of two Texas grain companies was announced by the United States food administration. The H. H. Watson company of Longview and the Officer-Smith Grain company of Fort Worth, both were found guilty of "unfair and deceptive practices," as well as other violations of the administration's regulations.

### ENORMOUS DAMAGE IN BIG BLAZE

Over 2,000 Firemen Battle Flames in Long Island City, Which Results in Injuries to More Than Two Score.

**OIL TANKS EXPLODE; FIRE SOON SPREADS**  
**Standard Oil Company Plant, Covering 20 Acres, and Adjacent Properties Damaged To Extent of Millions.**

New York, Sept. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—More than 2,000 fire fighters, perhaps the greatest force ever concentrated in New York at any one point, at midnight were battling with flames which not only caused damage to Standard Oil company property in Long Island City amounting to millions of dollars, but resulted in injury to more than two score of persons. Three men on fire boats were reported killed, but at a late hour this had not been confirmed.  
**Fire Spreads Rapidly.**  
The fire started early this afternoon from the explosion of an oil tank in the Stone & Fleming works, a subsidiary of the Standard Oil, on Newtown creek, spread over virtually the entire area of the plant, which covers 20 acres, and thence to the Columbia Distilling company's buildings on the same side of the creek; the Peter Cooper glue works and American Agricultural company's plant across the water and the Green Point bridge.

### JOHNSON GIVEN GREAT OVATION IN KANSAS CITY

Demonstration Lasts 16 Minutes and Rivals Senator's St. Louis Reception.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 13.—A demonstration which lasted 16 minutes and rivalled his great St. Louis reception greeted Sen. Hiram W. Johnson of California here tonight. Convention hall, the largest auditorium in the city, was crowded and many were turned away. The crowd stood while it cheered, waved flags and sang patriotic songs. There were shouts of "Johnson is the next president."  
The meeting was under the auspices of the local chapter of the League for the Preservation of American Independence.  
Senator Johnson in his address vigorously attacked the peace treaty and league of nations pact. He declared the league covenant had confronted the American people since the Civil war.  
**Crossroads of Destiny.**  
"We are at the crossroads of our national destiny," said Senator Johnson, dramatically. "One road leads to sinister European and Asiatic complications. The other is the straight and narrow path of patriotic Americanism. We want to take the straight and narrow path. That is the only safe course."  
"I dare say that this country has never been isolated financially, commercially or socially from the rest of the world," the senator continued. "Our only isolation has been geographical because of the great oceans on our east and west coasts. God gave us these great oceans and neither the league of nations nor Woodrow Wilson can dry them up."  
He described the league of nations covenant as an "infamous nostrum" which the president promises will cure every ill.  
President Wilson went to Paris with certain idealistic principles, but came home without any of them.  
**Mexican Bandits Capture American Mining Men**  
Chihuahua City, Sept. 13.—Dr. J. M. Smith and E. Monson, believed to be American mining men, were captured by a band of 10 armed Mexicans nine miles from this city, according to an authentic report received here. They were taken from a mining company train, which was robbed of the payroll of the Buena Tierra mines.  
It is believed that Dr. Smith will be held for ransom and that Monson will be liberated. The men were taken from the early morning train that carries mining men of the Santa Eulalia district from this city to their work. Col. Sebastian Alenda dispatched four troops of Mexican federal cavalry in pursuit of the robbers.

### A Tale of Two Talks



### Many Landlords Yield to Profiteering Rent Clamor and Compromise Rentals

Insist, However, Say Tenants, That Those Accepting Reduction Must "Keep the Facts Out of the Newspapers"—Pitiless Publicity Forced Surrender of Owners—Attorney Still Threatens Prosecutions.

Hundreds of apartment house tenants in Omaha have reaped benefits as a result of flat refusals to meet the profiteering demands of their landlords.  
In the fight, supported by The Bee, against extortionate increases in rent, and impositions threatened by an alleged combine of real estate dealers and dwelling house owners and managers, evidences of conspiracy and unfair methods were developed to such an extent that fear has been struck in the hearts of the men who have been attempting to regulate for selfish profit the local rent situation, it is said.  
**Willing to Compromise.**  
According to the reports which are coming from the occupants of rented property in every section of the city, landlords are manifesting a disposition, in many instances, indicative of an eager desire to compromise with their tenants. Already many tenants have been notified that proposed increases in rents would be cut in half, provided occupants of the apartments are willing to drop the matter and execute leases for the ensuing year.  
Some tenants have been advised, if they would agree to desist in their agitation against what they term an

### Unlawful Combine, That Their Proposed Increases Would Be Reduced From 40 to 50 Percent, and Still Others Have Been Told They Would Be Charged on the Basis and at the Rate Set Forth in Last Year's Contract.

**Bee Gave Warning.**  
For weeks local real estate men and landlords were obdurate. Councilmanic investigations, threats to take the matter to the courts and offers to arbitrate the differences, alike met with firm refusals on the part of those who believed they were in absolute and dominating control of the rent situation in Omaha.  
Scores of apartment house owners and agents already had served notices on their tenants that enormous increases would be charged. Others were preparing to serve such notices on persons to whom they rented. Day after day The Bee pointed out to the public that thousands of tenants were to become victims of an organized plan, deliberately designed, to impose hardships and impositions for profiteering purposes.  
Hundreds of public-spirited citizens also organized to resist. The first actual opposition came with the

### All Signs Point to Terrific Hurricane at Galveston, Texas

Washington, Sept. 13.—Reports to the weather bureau from Galveston said the tide was rising rapidly, water was flooding low places on the island, and people were leaving there for the city. A 30-mile north-east wind was blowing, and the Galveston tide at 11 o'clock was 6.4 feet and rising.

### One Missing, 15 Hurt in Kansas City Blast

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 13.—One man is missing and 15 men were injured, one probably fatally, in an explosion which partly wrecked the Burlington grain elevators in North Kansas City. Kansas City firemen worked nearly two hours before they were able to run across a Missouri river bridge. The fire is under control.

### Hoover, Back in U. S., Hopes Never Again To Go to Europe

New York, Sept. 13.—Herbert Hoover, former director general of allied relief, came home Saturday after five years' service abroad, during which he distributed more than 600 steamship cargoes, or 3,219,968 tons of foodstuffs, valued at \$770,795,000, to starving Europe.  
"I hope never to go back to Europe again," he declared in a statement, soon after he landed from the Aquitania. "Since August, 1914, I have devoted my entire time and energy to war work, and with the exception of nine months I have spent the entire five years away from my family. I have no plans other than to go home. All my official activities having been completed, I am once more a 'common or garden variety' of American. I am not partisan and am not in politics in any form."  
The last statement was elicited by a question as to whether he approved mention of his name as a presidential possibility.  
The turning point in the relief of Europe, Mr. Hoover said, when asked to say what he considered the crowning achievement of his work abroad, came when he was appointed mandatory of the railroads and was able to ship food where it was most needed. Up to that time, he said, the situation looked hopeless.

### RINGER OR EBERSTEIN MAY QUIT

Plan Reorganization With Commissioner Switched or Chief of Police Retired by Compromise in Commission.  
**BEE DISCLOSURES AID PUBLIC IN CAMPAIGN**  
**Lawless and Criminal Actions of Morals Squad and Outside Influence Reason for Shake-up in Department.**

The police morals squad has been abolished.  
The order was issued yesterday by Chief of Police Eberstein and becomes effective tomorrow.  
This action was taken by the heads of the department following numerous protests prompted by a multitude of offenses committed by the members of the police department selected by Commissioner Ringer and Chief Eberstein to "clean up" Omaha.  
Commissioner Ringer and Chief Eberstein yielded to outside pressure and the demands of an indignant public.  
For months they conducted a defensive fight against the action they finally were forced to take. As a last resort Elmer Thomas was hired at a salary of \$300 a month in an effort to help save a lost cause. Then Paul Sutton was hired by Elmer Thomas and placed at the head of a "special clean-up squad" to assist Commissioner Ringer.  
**Thomas Leaves City.**  
This arrangement lasted but a single week. Elmer Thomas left the city when failure was hanging over the wrecks and outrages which mark the course taken by officers who had no respect for the law they were charged with enforcing.  
Day after day, for weeks and months, The Bee has been disclosing the lawless and criminal actions of this body of policemen. Repeatedly The Bee has urged upon the public that the Omaha morals squad was a farce as operated by Messrs. Ringer, Eberstein and Thomas. Deeds of misconduct, violations of all rules of decency and abuse of authority have been published in detail.  
The public was shocked. Outraged citizens protested. The heads of the department responded with silent contempt.  
Commissioner Ringer and Marshal Eberstein wrote the final chapter in the history of the Omaha morals squad only when they were forced to do so. It is reported, by the dismissal of Marshal Eberstein, no longer would Brook indifference to the rights of good men and innocent women.  
**Reorganization Next Step.**  
The abolishment of the morals squad is said to be the first step in a plan which contemplates a reorganization of the entire department.  
Mr. Ringer is slated to be switched to another department in the city commission, or else a compromise may be made. It is reported, by the dismissal of Marshal Eberstein, whether or not he knew the blow-off was coming and left the city on that account could not be ascertained.  
**Sutton Not Mentioned.**  
In his order to the captains Police Chief Eberstein does not mention what will be done with Paul Sutton, who was discharged under a former administration and hired again several weeks ago to work under

### University of Kansas Heads Quit Positions

Lawrence, Kan., Sept. 15.—Olin Templin, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences of the University of Kansas, announced his intention to resign his position, effective next June.  
His resignation follows that of Chancellor Frank Strong, also to take effect next June.  
Dean Templin has been connected with the faculty of the university since 1884, and has been dean since 1903.  
**Compensation Doubled.**  
Washington, Sept. 13.—Increases practically doubling the monthly compensation originally provided by the war risk insurance act to disabled soldiers and sailors and members of their families were passed unanimously by the house with other amendments to the act liberalizing its provisions and to eliminate red tape in administering the law.