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# G.O.P. HOLDS ADVANTAGE IN SURE VOTE

### Harding Conceded 178 Tallies In Electoral College While Cox Has Only 126—152 Put In the Doubtful Column.

### DEMOS MUST WIN OHIO AND N. Y. TO GO OVER

### Nebraska, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming Also In the Uncertain List.

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.
Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, D. C., July 24.—Who will win the election?

Until the votes are counted a little more than three months hence, this is the question that will absorb the interest of the American people to the exclusion of all other topics.

More complicated than ever before are the issues which will influence the choice of the electorate between Harding and Cox, more hazardous than ever a forecast of the result as the campaign of the two major parties for the big prize opens.

The league of nations, the liquor and other issues together with the party schisms that have been developing during the last decade, throw an unusually large number of states into the doubtful column and in such states the republican and democratic national committees are already preparing to do desparate battle.

**531 Electoral Votes.**

There are 531 votes in the electoral college and 266 are required for an election. Of these Cox starts with an assured 126 votes supplied by the following states comprising the "Solid South:"

Alabama, 12; Arkansas, 9; Florida, 6; Georgia, 14; Louisiana, 10; Mississippi, 10; North Carolina, 9; Tennessee, 12; Texas, 20; Virginia, 12.

Then there are eight states with 64 votes, which the republicans class as doubtful, but most of which will go to Cox. These states are: Arizona, 3; Colorado, 6; Kentucy, 13; Maryland, 8; Missouri, 18; New Mexico, 3; Nevada, 3; Oklahoma, 10.

**These for Harding.**

Harding's initial strength is more conservatively estimated at 178 votes, furnished by the following states:

Connecticut, 7; Delaware, 3; Illinois, 29; Indiana, 15; Iowa, 19; Maine, 6; Massachusetts, 18; Michigan, 15; Oregon, 5; Pennsylvania, 38; Rhode Island, 5; South Dakota, 5; Vermont, 4; Washington, 7; West Virginia, 8.

There are 45 votes in five states which the democrats class as doubtful, but which are ordinarily republican and which the republican nominee may reasonably be expected to carry. These states are:

California, 13; Idaho, 4; Kansas, 10; New Hampshire, 4; New Jersey, 14.

**Fight in Nine States.**

As the campaign opens it is evident that both national committees regard as doubtful the following nine states:

Minnesota, 12; Montana, 4; Nebraska, 8; New York, 45; North

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## Urges Publishers to Ask Candidates' Stand On Paper Situation

Milwaukee, July 24.—Courtland Smith of New York, president of the American Press association, discussing the print paper situation before the Wisconsin Federated Printing and Press association, urged country publishers to demand congressional action to solve the print paper problem and suggested inquiring the attitude of Senator Harding and Governor Cox on the situation.

"What we want is definite assurance from one of the candidates that he will call a special session of congress to put through a bill relieving the present newsprint shortage," Mr. Smith declared. He proposed a parcel post rate of 1 cent a pound on print paper, with no zone rates, so that small publishers could buy direct from the mills.

## Flames Destroy Three Blocks in Desdemona, Tex.

Fort Worth, Tex., July 24.—A bank, three hotels and two drygoods stores were destroyed by fire which swept three blocks of the business district of Desdemona, in the Texas oil fields. The loss was estimated at $500,000.

In all 22 business establishments were destroyed. The fire started in a restaurant building and was not brought under full control until nearly noon.

No fire-fighting equipment is available at Desdemona, formerly known as Hog Town, and dynamite was used to flatten out buildings in the path of the flames. No one was injured.

## Life Murderer Makes Getaway From His Guards

Chester, Ill., July 24.—Jasper Perry, 26 years old, under life sentence for murder, escaped from the prison this afternoon by hiding in the bottom of a dump cart that was later filled with dirt and taken outside of the grounds.

Perry was sent to Chester three years ago after killing another convict at Joliet, where he was serving a 14-year sentence for robbery.

# Village Benches Full Of Whittlers Despite Farmers' Cry for Help

### Majority of Small Towns Have Big Quota of Professional Idlers Who Lament Fact of Acute Labor Shortage—Soda Counters Have Stronger Appeal Than Corn Plow for Many Youths.

By ARTHUR M. EVANS.
Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Chilicothe, Mo., July 24.—The country hamlets are a factor in the farm labor problem—the cities and expanding industries have not been the only drain on the supply of agricultural workers. As one journeys through the countryside he cannot fail to be impressed by the idlers in the villages.

They are not all that way, to be sure, for some of the country towns are dead as the grave all day with only a few venerable sires puttering around the streets until nightfall, when the autos come roaring down the pike with loads of workers seeking an hour of recreation, but many of them present the spectacle of loafers whiling the precious hours away on the grocery store benches and of numbers of husky looking young fellows dishing up ice cream or laboring with the soda fountain spigots.

In the restaurants in cities along the route it has been quite a usual thing to see from four to eight strapping young men waiting table, preferring to work as servants instead of producers. From $70 to $80 a month and "chuck" is not unusual pay even for dishwashers.

**Pool Rooms Popular.**

Meanwhile the pool room has not lost in favor. The click of the balls is an ironical castanet obligato to the plaint of the villagers, "the big cities are robbing us of men."

On the road from Keokuk to Hannibal, by way of the Illinois bank, the roadster chugged through a section where crops are better, much better than the farmers were expecting a month ago. At every stop the testimony was: "Yes, we are short of labor, but the crops will be got in all right, all right."

At Lima, Ill., three ancients sat outside the hamlet grocery store.

"The factories in the cities are to blame, by heck," they attested.

They still cling to the "by heck" habit along here, yet a few doors away were eight young men in jumpers doing a fine job of loafing. A short distance up the road a glimpse into a wayside barn resulted in seeing six men playing checkers at 3:30 in the afternoon. "Sure," they cheered, "the labor shortage has raised hob around here. The auto factories are to blame; they stole too many workers."

**Benches All Full.**

At Ursa, Ill., more loafers—six of them—waving salutes from benches to passing tourists. Other crossroad villages had similar displays.

Coming out of Hannibal, Mo., the pilgrimage went 13 miles through a rough and fertile region without seeing a human being in the fields. The explanation was that the farmers along that particular stretch had gone to other farms over the hillsides, away from the road, for throughout this section the labor shortage has led the farmers to club together more closely to get the work done, and they are managing fine.

Threshing machines appeared every once in a while, and generally one found from three to five family units doing the work. But in the villages again one saw the idle members.

The city of Shelbina, Mo., 45 miles from Hannibal, is perhaps typical. It is a beautiful up-to-date

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# "LOAFING" TRAIN CREWS BLAMED FOR SHORTAGE

### Howe Banker Tells Rail Commission of Cars Lightly Loaded Being Set on Sidings.

Lincoln, Neb., July 24.—(Special.)—Charging that empty freight cars are passing through the town of Howe in either direction, and also that freight train crews are inclined to "set out" merchandise cars which contain only a barrel of kerosene or other small quantities rather than do the unloading themselves, is made by the cashier of a Howe bank, who has asked state officials to offer some remedy for the present shortage of freight cars.

The banker says that it is essential that the big wheat crop is turned into cash, as banks throughout the state have borrowed up to the hilt in addition to going the limit of rediscounting.

Railway Commissioner Browne, replied that so far as the movement of "empties" is concerned it is a natural condition as cars can not always be loaded for return trips but must be moved in the process of equalization as between territories.

However, the "loafing" of merchandise cars is the problem that Browne says he shall be glad to have all Nebraska grain men and bankers assist the commission in. Browne says that train crews instead of unloading a small amount of merchandise at country stations, they set out the car in order that the merchant may take out his goods himself. This puts the car out of service from one to two days, and Browne says is accountable for a great deal of the present car situation.

## Chemical Analysis Made on the Brain of Woman Found in Trunk

New York, July 24.—Chemical analysis today of the brain of the unclad body of an unidentified woman, which was found in a trunk here yesterday, shipped from Detroit on June 10, was expected to assist in establishing how the victim met her death. The brain of the woman, who was said to be between 25 and 30 years old, was the only vital organ left, all other internal organs having been removed before the trunk was shipped to "Mr. Douglass, New York City."

If death was due to criminal operation, the analysis of the brain should reveal traces of chloroform, said Dr. Charles Norris, chief medical examiner, who added that if the victim was poisoned the same analysis should so indicate.

## Generals Will Be Shot if Attempt at Rescue Is Made

Mexico City, July 24.—If any attempt is made to liberate Gen. Francisco Mariel and Gen. Francisco Murguia, the two high officers who were placed under arrest shortly after the Carranza regime collapsed, these generals will be shot, according to a statement by Gen. Francisco R. Serrano, sub-secretary of war. Gen. Ramirez Garrido, the inspector general of police, declared in a statement issued to the press yesterday that there was a plot to free the two generals.

High government officials said that they have no knowldege of the alleged plot.

# "MYSTERY GIRL" IDENTIFICATION NOT CREDITED

### Story in Council Bluffs Paper Confusion of Theories, Omaha Officers Declare.

Reports purporting to contain an identification of the "mystery girl," who was found murdered in a ravine north of Florence last November, were given scant consideration by Omaha authorities when they reached Omaha Saturday afternoon through a Council Bluffs newspaper.

The story carried by the Council Bluffs paper credited Iowa authorities with the discovery of the indentity of the girl and suggested that her slayer was known.

This story, Omaha authorities declared, was merely a confusion of two theories upon which investigators have been working, both of which have been given publication in Omaha newspapers.

The roadhouse brawl, given prominence in the Council Bluffs report, is an old story in Omaha and is one of the theories upon which Grace Ballard, county attorney at Blair, and local officers have been working for the last several months. The theory, which is tangled with the roadhouse fight development in the Bluffs report, concerns an Omaha man and his wife and cannot be coupled in any way with the roadside inn idea, local investigators declare.

According to Omaha officers, only one Iowa officer has worked at all on the "mystery girl" case and all of his information was received through a local investigator. This investigator scouts the theory advanced in the Council Bluffs newspaper and declares that careful inquiries on his part have proved that the two theories cannot be dovetailed satisfactorily.

## Reed Denies He Derided Wilson in League Talks

Nevada, Mo., July 24.—Senator James A. Reed in an address here today, denied that he had ever indulged in personalities in speeches with reference to President Wilson's position on the league of nations issue.

"It has been recently said that I referred to the president as a braying animal," Senator Reed continued. "No such expression ever passed my lips, certainly not intentionally. I was referring to arguments that had been repeated by many people and to some gross misrepresentations and in the heat of an extemporaeous speech, did use the expression that what I said was true, notwithstanding the brayings which were being heard, but nothing was further from my mind than a reference to the president."

## Kilmalloch Is Wrecked By Body of Irish Police

London, July 24.—Kilmalloch, 19 miles south of Limerick, was wrecked by a body of police last night, according to the Evening News. Several persons were injured. The police are reported to have fired volleys while the citizens were trying to put out fires which were raging in the houses.

**Discover Red Plot in Riga.**

Washington, July 24.—A communist plot to overthrow the Letvian government is reported in advices to the State Department to have been discovered at Riga. The conspirators were arrested.

# CITY BOOSTS GAS RATE TO $1.25 BASIS

### Additional Service Charge of 50 Cents a Month to Be Assessed Against Consumers, Regardless of Amount Used.

### HIGH OPERATING COST REASON GIVEN BY BOARD

### Estimated That New Rates Will Yield Nearly $2,000,000 Additional Revenue in First Year's Operation.

**New Gas Rates.**

| | | Gross | Net |
|---|---|---|---|
| First | 10,000 cubic feet | $1.35 | $1.25 |
| Next | 20,000 cubic feet | 1.30 | 1.20 |
| Next | 70,000 cubic feet | 1.20 | 1.10 |
| Over | 100,000 cubic feet | 1.10 | 1.00 |

Omaha will pay $1.25 net for municipal gas, plus a 50-cent monthly service charge. This was determined at a special meeting of the water board in the city hall yesterday.

A schedule of rates recommended by a board of expert gas engineers, which proposed a net price of $1.35 per thousand cubic feet, was reduced slightly by the board in its final decision.

Gas under corporation ownership sold at $1.15 net, making the boost to the average consumer 10 cents per thousand cubic feet.

The gross price to the average consumer will be $1.35 with a 10-cent discount allowed for prompt payment.

One-dollar gas, the dream of Mayor Smith when he began his drive to bring about municipal ownership of the gas plant, is realized for consumers who use more than 100,000 cubic feet per month.

The schedule of rates adopted will give the municipal plant an income of $1,927,485. This is $50,000 under the amount estimated as necessary by the board of expert engineers. Increased operating costs are cited as forcing the increase.

The new rates will go into effect on the next reading.

## Co-operative Plan For Marketing Is Adopted by Farmers

Chicago, July 24.—A resolution indorsing appointment of a committee for ways and means of organizing a co-operative plan for marketing grain and live stock to the best interests of producer and consumer was adopted today by the American Farm Bureau federation.

The resolution recommends that Chairman J. R. Howard, president of the bureau, appoint a committee of 17, which shall devise a plan, subject to the approval of all interested, for co-operative marketing through one or more central organizations.

Another resolution endorsing the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence deep waterway as an aid to marketing was also adopted.

A stormy debate followed presentation of the co-operative marketing resolution.

## New Haven Editor Sent to Jail for Alleged Contempt of Court

New Haven, Conn., July 24.—Arthur J. Sloane, managing editor of the New Haven Journal-Courier, was sentenced to jail for 10 days in execution of the sentence suspended by Judge Charles J. Martin of Orange for alleged contempt of court.

Comment on four days of last week in reports of liquor raid trials at Savin Rock, a shore resort, was deemed by Judge Martin to reflect upon the court.

Mr. Sloane denied there was contempt, and testified that the object of the comment was to point out the unreliability of testimony of witnesses.

## Fresh Batch of Aliens Taken to Ellis Island

New York, July 24.—Sixty-three aliens charged with being "undesirables" arrived at the Ellis Island immigration station under a heavy guard of federal agents, to be held for deportation. They were brought here from Seattle, Chicago, Kansas City and other points of the west and middlewest, where they had been taken into custody by department of justice agents.

Immigration officials declined to give any information concerning the deportees, except to state that there were none of the radical leaders among them.

## Body of General Gorgas To Be Buried in America

Washington, July 24.—The body of Maj. Gen. Gorgas, former surgeon general of the army, who died recently in London, will be buried in Arlington National cemetery at the request of Mrs. Gorgas, it was announced at the War Department. Mrs. Gorgas is accompanying the body home from England.

## Father of "More Daylight" Plan Dies in Baltimore

Cincinnati, O., July 24.—E. H. Murdock, prominent in Cincinnati business and club life, and said to be the father of the "more daylight" movement in America, died last night at Baltimore, a few hours after having undergone an operation at the Johns Hopkins hospital there. He was 58 years old.

## For the National Championship

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# WOMEN HOPEFUL OF RATIFICATION IN TENNESSEE

### Fate of Federal Suffrage Amendment Depends on Action of Harding and Cox, Miss Paul Says.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, July 24.—"If Senator Harding and Governor Cox make good their promises of assistance, Tennessee will ratify the federal amendment," Miss Alice Paul, chairman of the National Woman's party, said today.

"Both have given assurance of their support, and indeed have taken action in behalf of ratification.

"Governor Cox, for instance when our committee conferred with him last Friday at his request and suggested that he send a representative to Tennessee ,told us he already had three men there canvassing the democratic members of the legislature.

"Senator Harding has been rather more difficult to arouse to the nesessity of action, but he has telegraphed to one member of the Tennessee legislature, who was in Columbus by the way, and who assured us we would have the unanimous vote of the republican members for ratification, and three other telegrams were sent to Tennessee by Mr. Daugherty, who has asked us to keep him advised of developments as reported by our organizers, and assured us of his co-operation.

"We have working for us in Tennessee, Republican National Committeeman Overall, Mr. Jesse Littleton, republican candidate for governor, former Senator Saunders and Representatives Sells and Taylor, the two republican members of congress from Tennessee, and they all assure us we shall have the republican members of the legislature solidly with us for ratification. If so, we shall win, for if all the republicans can be counted on in addition to other members already pledged, we have a number sufficient to ratify.

"Tennessee also has presidential woman suffrage, adopted by this legislature, with the republicans leading the fight for it. We have to fear, therefore only the antisuffrage forces, from out of the state, principally, who are making a last stand in Tennessee and to counteract which influences we need all the help democratic and republican leaders can give us.

"Within a week we shall have four organizers in Tennessee and hope to have completed our poll of the legislature. Then we shall know where we stand. We are very hopeful that the 36th state will soon be won and the ratification campaign safely over."

## 13,000 Cars to Handle Fruit From Colorado

Denver, Colo., July 24.—Thirteen thousand refrigerator cars will be needed to move Colorado's fruit and vegetable crop, according to reports of state utility commission inspectors today. The west slope will ship 9,000 cars and the Rockyford melon crop will fill 4,000 cars.

The shipments will begin August 15.

**Launch Combination Ship.**

Gloucester, N. J., July 24.—The 12,500-ton combination passenger and cargo carrier James Otis was launched sidewise at the Pusey & Jones shipyard. The vessel is fully completed.

## MASKED BANDIT ROBS TOURISTS IN YOSEMITE PARK

### Stickup Man Gets Only $3.50 from Passenger of Sightseeing Stages.

Fresno, Cal., July 24.—A masked bandit, armed with a rifle, robbed four automobile stages en route to Yosemite national park, about 1 o'clock today and obtained $3.50 in money, according to a special dispatch to the Fresno Republican from Merced, Cal.

The robbery occurred between Cedar Brook and Miami lodge. The bandit, who wore a suit of blue overalls, a miner's shirt and a white handkerchief for a mask, stood on a bank overlooking the road and at the point of the rifle compelled one of the stage passengers to alight and pass among the other passengers. Each was ordered to empty his pockets. The robber declined watches and jewels.

Following the robbery the bandit disappeared on foot. The stages held up were those of the line between Merced and Yosemite.

The scene of the holdup was in the mountains a short distance outside the park boundaries and about 36 miles from Yosemite postoffice in the valley of that name.

## Raid Manufacturer's Home, Blow Safe and Take Cash and Jewels

St. Louis, Mo., July 24.—Six men, who, it was said, represented themselves as federal prohibition agents, today entered the home of W. S. Ireland, a local manufacturer, and after blowing the safe, escaped with cash, jewelry and papers valued at $13,000. Mr. Ireland, according to police, said the men forced their way into his home on the pretext that they had come "for that whisky."

## Farmer Is Sought for Murder of Indian Agent

Missoula, Mont., July 24.—Deputy sheriffs today were pursuing N. J. Perkins, farmer employed in the Indian service, wanted for the shooting of Major Theodore Sharpe, agent in charge of the Flathead Indian reservation, according to reports received here. Sharpe was shot at Ravalli, Mont., today and died one hour later. Missoula police were advised that after the shooting Perkins defied residents of the town and later left in an automobile.

## Government Settles All Claims of Steamer Firms

Washington, July 24.—Settlement of the claims of the Clyde Steamship company and the Mallory Steamship company, arising from federal operation, has been made by lump sum payment to both companies, totaling $4,010,682, the railroad administration announced.

## The Weather

**Forecast.**

Fair and warmer Sunday.

**Hourly Temperatures.**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 5 a. m. | 70 | 1 p. m. | 82 |
| 6 a. m. | 72 | 2 p. m. | 82 |
| 7 a. m. | 72 | 3 p. m. | 82 |
| 8 a. m. | 73 | 4 p. m. | 82 |
| 9 a. m. | 75 | 5 p. m. | 83 |
| 10 a. m. | 78 | 6 p. m. | 83 |
| 11 a. m. | 79 | 7 p. m. | 81 |
| 12 noon | 82 | | |

# IRELAND SHALL NOT WITHDRAW —LLOYD GEORGE

### Position of Erin Similar to That of Southern States at the Time of the Civil War.

London, July 24.—For the past two years the chief argument against Irish independence advanced by Lloyd George and other British officials is that Lincoln prevented, at tremendous cost, the secession of the confederate states; ergo England will prevent the "secession" of Ireland, cost what it may.

Arthur Griffith, founder of Sinn Fein, and vice president of the Sinn Fein republic, answers the argument thus:

"The attempt of the prime minister of England to draw an analogy between the case of the southern states and Ireland shows how desperately necessary England feels it to stand well with the opinion of America. There is on analogy.

"The southern states formed an integral part of one nation and had never enjoyed a separate political existence. Ireland and England are different nations, and Ireland enjoyed for 1,400 years a separate political existence. That existence England has for generations attempted to crush by force of arms.

"England holds Ireland as Russia held Poland—not as the United held its constituent elements. The analogue of England's prime minister is not Abraham Lincoln, but the Russian czar."

## Grand Island Officers In Exciting Auto Race

Grand Island, Neb., July 24.—(Special.)—A five mile chase in an automobile after two men in another car was participated in by the sheriff and resulted in the arrest of Edward P. McDonald and William Rhodes who were charged with intoxication.

Police received a telephone message early in the afternoon that the two men had almost run over a child on East Fourth street. Later another report came in that the two had nearly run over a boy on West Second street. Sheriff McCutchan and Officer Brisbin started out to find them and got sight of the men three miles east of the city. Then the chase began.

The sheriff's car was compelled to race five miles before overtaking the machine.

## Garden Truck Is More Plentiful Now Than in 1919

Washington, July 24.—Fruits, vegetables and all forms of garden truck are now on markets in supplies between 10 and 15 per cent greater than during the same period in 1919, the United States bureau of markets reported today. The movement to the consuming markets, by the railroad, the bureau estimates is now 2,000 cars daily and as much more normally comes to the large centers by truck and local hauling.

**Rome Strike Ended.**

Rome, July 24.—The general strike declared in Rome early in the week in consequence of fighting between tramway workers and street crowds has ended. Work has been resumed in all industries.

# BABY LIVES TWO DAYS IN AN OLD WELL

### Foundling Wrapped in Newspaper Dropped in Abandoned Reservoir Few Minutes After Birth, Physicians Believe.

### INFANT WILL LIVE, SAY HOSPITAL ATTENDANTS

### Children Playing in Neighborhood Are Attracted to Old Pit by Feeble Cries, Police Begin Investigation.

A newly-born babe, believed to have been dropped in a deserted well at Thirty-third and California streets early Friday morning, was discovered by children in the neighborhood at 6 o'clock last night.

Seevral men in the neighborhood were called by the children and the infant, still alive and uttering feeble cries, was rushed to the Methodist hospital, where it was bathed and fed.

Hospital officials said the child would live.

Police investigating the case have obtained no clues as to the possible identity of the child's mother.

The children made the discovery when they heard feeble cries emanating from the deserted well, which was covered with decayed planks. They first called Elizabeth Bartlett, 3220 California street. The Bartlett girl lifted the planks and found what appeared to be a bundle of newspapers at the bottom of the eight-foot well. When men recovered the bundle the crying baby was found wrapped up in the newspapers.

Physicians said the child apparently was two days old.

**Second Baby Found.**

A second baby, apparently three or four days old, was found in the same well at 8 last night. Police believe the infant, wrapped in muslin, was dropped into the well after the first baby had been discovered. The second child was taken to the Methodist hospital. It will live doctors said.

## Wealthy Texas Man Is Held for Murder of Bellboy in Detroit

Detroit, Mich., July 24.—Patrick J. Reany, reputed to be a wealthy plumbing contractor of Dallas, Tex., was taken into custody following the shooting of a bell boy, which police said occurred in Rainy's room at a hotel. Hospital attendants said the boy may die.

The boy, Charles Watkins, was making early morning calls when Reany is said to have invited him into his room to talk with him. Watkins said he was too busy, but would return, whereupon Reany shot him in the abdomen, according to a statement made by Watkins to the officers.

Reany was at liberty under $10,000 cash bail in connection with the sudden death of his wife at a hotel here last February. A coroner's jury found her death was due to poisoning.

## Soldier Is Arrested For Boasting That He Had Killed Man

Louisville, Ky., July 24.—Beckhan Bates, 19 years old, who recently enlisted, was arrested at Camp Zachary Taylor, today as a result, it is said, of boasts that he killed Elijah Sergent at Whitesburg, Ky., for whose murder his brother, Uriah, was sentenced to life imprisonment. Another brother, Robert, is held for trial.

There was a love affair between Uriah and Sergent's daughter, Edith, and a marriage license had been obtained, but Sergent had it revoked in court. Sergent disappeared December 24, 1919, a week later his mutilated body was found in the mountains.

## Sioux City Publisher Near Death; Attacked by Negro

Sioux City, Ia., July 24.—Oscar Hoffman, publisher of a German weekly newspaper here, was beaten over the head by an unidentified man with a "black jack" today. He is expected to die. Police believe a negro committed the crime, following an argument over the world war. Hoffman was attacked from behind an hour after the negro visited his office to get a history of the war. H is unconscious.

## Wisconsin Timber Workers Call Of Three Months' Strike

Marinette, Wis., July 24.—By a unanimous vote last night the timber workers union of Marinette and Menominee, having over 1,200 members, called off the strike for an eight hour day which has been in progress since May 3. This lumber center is about the last to resume operations, and the timber workers strike in Wisconsin, Minnesota and upper Michigan appears to be over.

**Capture Russian Transport.**

San Francisco, July 24.—Customs officers aboard a revenue cutter, after a 10-mile chase on San Francisco bay, captured the Russian transport Rogday, possession of which has been claimed by rival Russian factions.