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### WELSHER FORCED TO HELP BANDITS SAYS ATTORNEY

Robbers Had Threatened to Kill Him and Family.

#### DEFENSE IS OUTLINED

Lawyer Admits Harboring Tucker and Littrell.

The fear of death for himself or for his wife and children compelled Jos. Welsher to harbor Jess Littrell, Russell Tucker and their companions, according to the opening statement made to the jury in Judge Oldfield's court today by John Jennings, Welsher's attorney. Welsher is being tried on the charge of shielding fugitives from justice in his home.

#### Threatened With Death.

Welsher was threatened with death if he did not do the bidding of the armed bandits. Mr. Jennings said the gang warned him that if he escaped, his wife and children would be killed in his stead. Welsher not only left Littrell and Tucker in his home after the robbery of the First National bank at Harrah on January 12, but he is said to have let the gang use his home as rendezvous before the crime.

He is known to have purchased ten gallons of gasoline at Choctaw the day before and hauled it away in a wagon, supposedly for the bandits' automobile.

#### Witnesses Called.

The defense opened its case by introducing character witnesses. Several men from the vicinity of Harrah testified that as far as they knew, Welsher was always a law-abiding citizen.

Welsher admits having known Littrell and Tucker for about three years, but under the names respectively of Walter Williams and Joe Buckner. It is the defense contention that Welsher always believed the men to be honest laborers.

### VILLA PREPARING TO ATTACK JUAREZ

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—General Francisco Villa and a force of 25,000 men, supported by thirty cannon of 65 and 75 millimeters each, and seventy-five machine guns, is occupying territory vacated by the forces of General Pershing and gradually advancing northward to take Juarez, according to an official communication received here today by John J. Hawes, Villa's representative in New York from Hipolito Villa, brother of the leader, who is making his headquarters in San Antonio.

A dispatch from Juarez says proclamations were posted on the dead walls and distributed on the streets there last night, signed by Francisco Villa, warning everyone against traveling on passenger trains between Juarez and Chihuahua City and urging foreigners of all nationalities to keep out of northern Mexico, according to a Carranza official here.

The proclamation added that foreigners would be given the same protection as nationals, but if they were robbed or wounded during any fighting they would be victims of their own carelessness. Twenty-five persons were arrested in Juarez following the distribution of the hand bills. The list, it was said, included one prominent merchant of the town.

### Boy Robbers Find 33 Cents in Store

Thirty-three cents in pennies was all that Robert Nelson and Johnnie Tigner, 17-year-old boys, got when they robbed the depot at Dale, Okla., night before last, they told the police this morning. Nelson and Tigner were arrested in the Rock Island yards last night by railway special agents. They were taken to Tecumseh this morning.

### Three More Army Stations Will Be Opened in State

Authority was received by Captain Whitfield this morning from the secretary of war to open auxiliary stations for recruiting at McAlester, Shawnee and Altus, making a total of nine stations in Oklahoma. Captain Whitfield will visit these cities next week and organize the stations. He goes to Enid this afternoon to look after the interests of the station there.

### KILLING OF LITTLE GIRL CONFESSED

ORD, Neb., Feb. 10.—Louis Kamerad, suspected of the murder of little Alice Parkos and who has been held in the county jail here, last night confessed his guilt after severe questioning. Officers said today. Later he was rushed out of town to avoid mob violence.

### City May Ask All Citizens to Display Flags

Proclamation Will Be Passed Tuesday, Says Mayor Overholser.

#### SENATE MILITARY LEADERS INDORSE UNIVERSAL PLAN

A proclamation calling on Oklahoma citizens to display flags, bunting and other emblems of patriotism will be passed by the board of city commissioners at the meeting next Tuesday. Mayor Overholser announced this morning, following a request that a proclamation be issued declaring tomorrow "Flag day" and asking that national hymns be sung in all churches. The mayor's idea is that the movement for arousing patriotic enthusiasm should be permanent rather than confined to one day.

#### Favorable Report Submitted to Upper House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—A universal military training bill was favorably reported to the senate today by the military affairs committee. Chairman Chamberlain submitted the bill without comment, asking that it go to the calendar. Senators Thomas, democrat, and Brady, republican, members of the committee reserved the right to submit minority reports.

Primarily the bill provides that all men citizens or those who have declared their intent to become citizens shall undergo six months' military or naval training in the year in which they reach the age of 19 or in the year when they first become liable to such service up to the age of 26. All men receiving such training would be held in army or navy reserve until they reach the age of 28.

#### Differs From Staff Plan.

The bill submitted by the committee differs in many respects from the plan being worked out by the army general staff, and was prepared by a subcommittee with the assistance of Capt. George V. H. Moseley, who was for a time a member of the general staff.

The bill at the outset contains a provision that in the first year of its operation the periods of training should be three instead of six months. Many limitations and exceptions are provided.

#### Exemptions in Bill.

Under the terms of the bill exemption from the proposed military training would include the following: Members of the permanent military or naval forces of the United States.

#### Persons Physically Unfit for any military or naval service whatever.

Those With Dependents. Persons on whose earnings a father, mother, brother, sister, wife, or child is wholly dependent for support.

Members of any religious sect or organization now organized and existing whose creed forbids them to bear arms in war would not be required to undergo training in the bearing or use of arms, but would be trained in non-combatant branches of military or naval service.

#### Fair Weather Next Week.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, issued by the weather bureau today included: "West gulf states, generally fair; temperatures above seasonal average."

#### Cloudy Weather Tonight, Forecast

LOCAL FORECAST.—Cloudy weather tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature; minimum temperature tonight 12 to 15 degrees.

STATE FORECAST.—Tonight increasing cloudiness; colder in north portion; Sunday generally fair.

#### KANSAS.—Unsettled, cold wave.

ARKANSAS.—Increasing cloudiness.

WEST TEXAS.—Fair, colder in Panhandle.

#### HOURLY TEMPERATURE

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#### IF EVERYTHING IN THESE DEED CATALOGUES ONLY "CAME UP TO EXPECTATIONS!"



### SHIP MOVEMENTS AT NEW YORK ARE BEING WITHHELD

Censorship Started by Custom House Officials.

#### TWO U. S. VESSELS TO GO

Orleans and Rochester Will Brave Dangers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—With the stars and stripes flying over her funnel the steamship Rochester, owned by the Kerr Steamship line, which cleared yesterday with a general cargo for Bordeaux, passed quarantine, outward bound shortly after 2 p. m. today. The Rochester is the second American ship to leave this port since the announcement by Germany of her new submarine campaign.

#### NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—All information with respect to the clearing of vessels at the custom house, including their names is being withheld. Officials said today that this was being for the present on orders from Washington.

American shipping circles were stirred today by the announcement that two freighters flying the Stars and Stripes would sail immediately for the European war zone. They will be the first American vessels to start from New York for the proscribed area since the beginning of Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare.

#### Orleans and Rochester.

These ships are the Orleans, owned by the Oriental Navigation company, and the Rochester of the Kerr Steamship company. Both are bound for Bordeaux, France. The two ships already have their clearance papers.

The Orleans has an American captain, Allan Tucker and a crew of thirty-five, of whom thirty-two are citizens of the United States. The Rochester has thirty-three officers and men, of whom twenty-nine are Americans. Both vessels have their names and "U. S. A." in large letters on their black sides but are not striped or marked in the manner prescribed for American vessels by the German blockade regulations. Neither is armed.

#### Operations Will Continue.

H. S. Quick, general freight agent of the Kerr line, announced that the sailings of the line would continue until forcibly stopped.

The arrival of the Baltic of the White Star line at Liverpool removes from the danger zone another British vessel carrying American citizens.

### HOG PRICE PASSES \$12 MARK HERE

All records for hog prices were broken on the local market today when \$12.15 was paid for a load of fifty-seven head of feeders from Miller brothers of Tulsa. The average weight of the shipment was 337 pounds.

The highest previous price was paid yesterday—\$11.95. While St. Louis, Chicago and Kansas City have been paying slightly in excess of \$12 for pork during the past month, this is the first time the local market has reached that figure.

### Notorious Coast Bandit Is Dead

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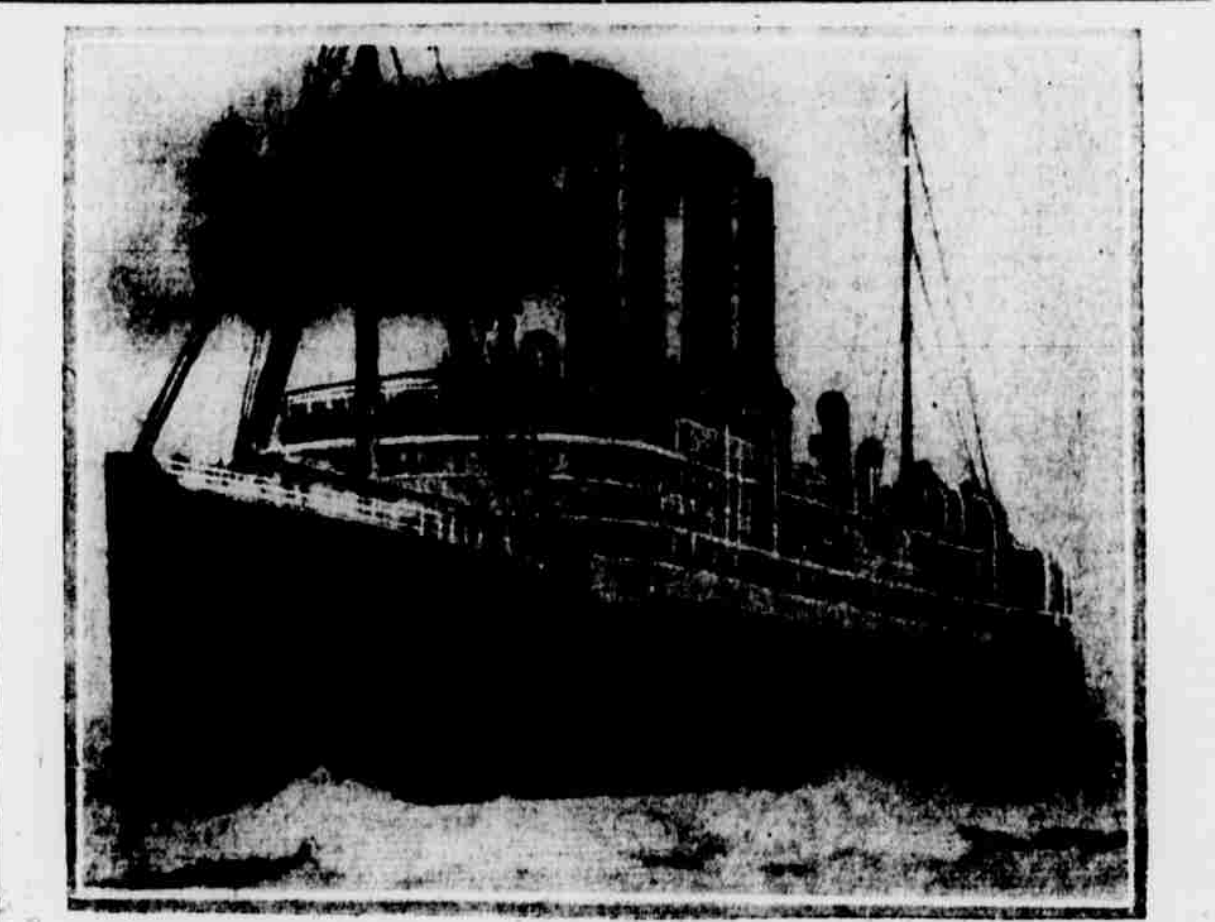
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### LARGEST OF U-BOATS' VICTIMS



The Anchor line passenger ship California. The California was destroyed by a German submarine February 7, off the coast of Ireland with a loss of forty-one lives. Only one American was on board and he was among the survivors.

### THREE STEAMERS ARE SUNK TODAY BY SUBMARINES

Increase Over Yesterday; Protective Plan Started.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Three more steamers, aggregating 12,238 tons, were reported sunk today by the Germans in their new submarine campaign. Definite announcement was made of the sinking of two of these vessels, the British Mantola of 6,826 tons and the British Lullington of 2,616 tons. Only the Norwegian Solbakken of 2,676 tons is still on the "believed sunk" list. The tonnage of the three steamers is greater than the total reported for the entire day yesterday which was 10,424 tons.

A news agency dispatch from Madrid reports that one American, a negro member of the crew, was one of the survivors of the British steamer Dauntless, (previously reported torpedoed) picked up at sea from a small boat by a trawler.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Late reports of ships sunk by German submarines were scanned eagerly by the government officials today for a double reason.

#### Ever Present Fear.

First, there was the ever present fear that any hour might bring a dispatch saying an American ship had been sunk without warning or American lives lost, thus driving the United States to use force to protect its rights.

Second, yesterday's reported falling off of aggregate tonnage sunk produced a belief that Great Britain had already done something to lessen the force of the submarines' acts.

#### No War Declaration.

In reference to the chances of a more pronounced break with Germany, it is disclosed that the precise course

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### FORD PEACE BUREAU AT NAUKE CLOSED

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A Reuter's dispatch from The Hague says that the Ford peace bureau, established by Henry Ford, the American manufacturer, will be closed on March 1, on account of the breach in diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany.

### Damages Asked for Three-Story Fall

Chester Hibbs, 12 years old, who fell three stories down a telephone conduit into the basement of the Patterson building in August, 1915, brought suit against the Pioneer Telephone and Telegraph company for \$5,000 today in the district court. The case is filed in the name of the boy's father, F. L. Hibbs.

Young Hibbs' skull was fractured in two places. He alleges permanent paralysis of the right arm and leg, weakness of the left eye and mental injuries. The failure of telephone linemen to lock the door to the conduit is made the basis of the claim against the company.

### Senator-Elect Almost Hit By German Shell

Hale Target for Gunners While Visiting Ruins of Ypres.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Feb. 10.—Senator Elect Hale of Maine, who has been visiting the British front for the past several days, had a lively experience from German shell-fire yesterday. He had expressed a keen desire to see the ruins of Ypres and his automobile