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The Ringers were in Topeka as a result of the finding of town lots at Wisconsin, Mo., last week among the town lots occupied by Rufus Ringer.

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"My father kept hold of the robber and dragged him into the street. At the curb-stone, both fell. My father was on top. The boy shot again. Blood came from my father's head. The boy got up and ran."

Neighbors told police that they heard seven shots fired.

"That's true," Pauline said. "When the boy who killed my father joined his two chums on the other side of the street, the other two boys fired five times at my mother and me."

Harry Lighthall, special policeman for the Nebraska Power Co., found a .32 caliber revolver near the place where Shapiro's body fell. In it were two exploded cartridges. There were two bullet holes in Shapiro's body.

Police could get only a meager description of the three boys. Pauline Shapiro said they were negroes, all about 16 years old and all wore caps. The boy who did the shooting wore a blue shirt. One of his companions wore a red-striped shirt.

Eight months ago two negro bandits entered Shapiro's store and ordered him to hold up his hands. He refused. One of them shot. The bullet imbedded itself in the wall. Shapiro chased the bandits out of the store.

Striking Miners

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The reference to the case of Miss Cavell was made by S. S. Gregory of Chicago, chairman of the committee, and was concurred in by Judge William P. Bynum of Greensboro, N. C., the other minority member in advocating abolition of the death penalty for women convicted of infringing military law.

The majority members of the committee, Andrew A. Bruse of Minneapolis; Martin Conboy of New York, and John Hinkley of Baltimore, declared they could not concur in the suggestion of Mr. Gregory that there should be a provision prohibiting the death penalty in the case of women spies.

The majority members report recommended that more care should be taken in obtaining counsel for accused soldiers and urged that greater efforts be made to reduce the time taken in bringing prisoners to trial in order to lessen their period of confinement in the guard house.

Lower Grade 'Gas' Up to Motorists

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 27.—Because of a limited supply of petroleum in the United States, refiners have been forced to produce a lower grade of gasoline and automobile manufacturers must readjust their engines to new specifications, Henry L. Doherty told the represent-

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Frightened Away by Police but Caught by Mob Race and Other

Expresses Fear "Somebody Will Come for Him With a Rope"

Mrs. J. Hammon, a white woman 23 years old, of 2407 North Thirteenth street, was attacked this afternoon at Thirteenth and Broadway streets by Robert King, a negro, Humphrey, Ark.

King was captured by a mob of white men at Eleventh and Broadway streets. When police arrived they took him into custody his face and hands were badly bruised. He was held in the air.

"Don't hit me no more!" King cried as police took him to the mob.

Mrs. Hammon identified her assailant. She also showed the police a shirtwaist which, she said, the negro attempted to tear at her.

"He asked me if he would give me \$2 if I would carry my bundle," Mrs. Hammon told him that he couldn't. "He would give me \$2 if I would carry my bundle. He grabbed me and tore my bundle. I got away from him. He grabbed me again. He ran. A crowd ran after him and caught him two blocks away."