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Rebels Attack a Train.

Two Americans Killed and Five Wounded in a Skirmish. A Lively Fight Before the Filipinos Were Dispersed With a Loss of Six Killed—Record of the Iowa Volunteers, How on Their Way Home—Japanese Said to Be Supplying Arms to the Insurgents.

A north bound train conveying provisions for the American troops at the front in Manila was derailed and thrown into a ditch a mile and a half south of Angeles early last Friday. A force of insurgents tore up the track for several yards and then concealed themselves in the scrub along the line where they awaited the coming of the train. The fact that the rails had been removed was not discovered by the engineer until it was too late to stop the headway of the train. The locomotive and the cars plunged off the track and into the ditch, but were not badly damaged.

Lieut. Lowe with a small detachment of scouts, was guarding the train. As soon as it left the rails the insurgents opened fire. The troops immediately responded, and the trainmen, who also had rifles, took a hand in the fight. There was a lively fight for a few minutes. The insurgents were so close to the track that their fire was more effective than usual and two of the Americans were killed and five wounded.

News of the engagement reached General Wheaton, who was at Calulut. He took six companies and arrived at the scene very promptly. The insurgents were then driven off in short order.

After the fight, a search of the jungles close to the track was made and the bodies of six insurgents were found. The track was soon repaired and the train had suffered no damage of consequence it was replaced on the rails and proceeded to its destination.

The transport Senator will sail for San Francisco with the Iowa volunteers. The regiment now consists of 769 men and 49 officers. It was under fire fifteen times. It lost one man killed and thirty-six men and two officers wounded. One man was captured by the rebels, ten died from disease, fifty-one were invalided, seventy-one men and two officers volunteered, and forty men were discharged. On the morning the regiment left the front, only 218 men were fit for duty. When the regiment came to the Philippines its strength was 1,020 men. When it arrived in the bay, it was at once sent to Iloilo without being disembarked. It returned on Feb. 4th, without having been ashore at Iloilo, and, after having been aboard ship for ninety-three days was sent to the front immediately. The men never saw Manila until they were ordered home.

Many reports are current that the rebels have been successful in securing arms. It is said that all the rifles, etc., obtained by the insurgents are landed by Japanese filibusters. It is impossible to verify the reports.

Three Were Murdered.

A. Kiser, Aged 90, Albert Gross, His Hired Man, and Anna Dolman Slain by Robbers. House Was Fired To Conceal the Crime. Men Had Dragged Themselves From the Burning Building and Were Found in the Yard. Search for Woman's Remains.

By unknown persons a triple murder was committed at Kesler's curve, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, 28 miles east of Cumberland Friday night. The victims were: A. Kiser, 90 years old; Albert Gross, aged 20, his hired man; Anna Dolman, his housekeeper.

The crime is supposed to have been committed between 10 and 12 o'clock, as the house was nearly burned down at midnight when the discovery was first made. Neighbors saw the flames from a distance, hurried to the scene. They were horrified at finding the two men lying in an unconscious condition, still breathing, in the yard with their clothing covered with blood.

The woman was nowhere to be found, but she is evidently in the ruins of the burned building. The supposition is that the robbers, after beating the inmates of the Kesler home with some blunt instrument until they thought they were dead, ransacked the house for booty and then set it on fire to conceal all traces of the crime.

Though seriously injured Kiser and Gross had enough life left to crawl from the burning building to a place of safety, where they sank lifeless to the ground. Both men later succumbed to their injuries. The ruins are now being searched for the charred remains of Miss Dolman.

The only clue to the crime is that given by Gross, who rallied sufficiently to give a slight description of the murderers, and the officers are following it. It was known that Kiser had money. He always carried a belt around his person containing about \$50, and when found this was gone. Large sums of money were also hidden about the house.

This fact was known and having been robbed of about \$300 a short time ago, he placed his money in a bank. He lived near the railroad and a few weeks ago was struck by an engine and painfully hurt. The first thing he did when assisted to his feet was to feel if his money belt was safe. His wife died several years ago. He has a son who is employed as a freight conductor on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad on the second division.

In What Month Were You Born.

According to an old astrological prediction: If a girl is born in January she will be a prudent housewife, given to melancholy, but good tempered.

If in February, a humane and affectionate wife and tender mother.

If in March, a frivolous chatterbox, somewhat given to quarreling.

If in April, inconsistent, not intelligent, but likely to be good looking.

If in May, handsome and likely to be happy.

If in June, impetuous, will marry early and be frivolous.

If in July, passably handsome, but with a sulky temper.

If in August, amiable and practical likely to marry rich.

If in September, discreet, affable and much liked.

If in October, pretty, coquettish and likely to be unhappy.

If in November, liberal kind, of a mild disposition.

If in December, well proportioned, fond of novelty and extravagant.

—“Now, stop crying, Tottie,” said a Brooklyn mother to her little girl, who had been quarreling with her brother; “I’m sure Bennie will take back all the mean things he said.” “Yes, he’ll take ‘em back,” was the sobbing reply, “so’s he’ll just have ‘em ready to use over again.”



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Cause of Premature Death.

Prof. Hart Declares Proper Diet Is the Only Thing to Prolong Life.

Professor Herbert W. Hart, the scientific food specialist, founder of the science of dietetics and President of the National Health Society of America, is in Philadelphia, with a view to lecture upon the essentials of healthy life and how to live so as to render life truly worth the living. He is of the same opinion as the late Professor Faraday, that the natural length of life of man is 200 years, and that the primary cause of the numerous ailments and diseases of man, and the consequent premature decay, can be traced to the violations of the natural fundamental laws of life as revealed by a study of and the conformity to the science of dietetics.

The Professor considers that food reform is the basis of all reforms, whether physical, mental, moral or political. He says he is not at all surprised at the political trickery, jugglery and corruption that exists, considering the defective cranial formation of the men, as seen by their portraits, the profiles of which are abnormal, and who are placed in power by the people, who are, in many cases, totally unconscious as to sense of duty, and succeed in life by unscrupulous conduct, prompted solely by self-aggrandizement through a deficiency of conscience.

Cardinal James Gibbons, in a sermon in Baltimore Cathedral, said that “The greatest need of our times is sturdy manhood, which will be persistent in carrying out the dictates of conscience in social, political and religious life.” Professor Hart says it is easy to suggest what is needed; it is another thing to propose a reliable remedy, and he considers that these expressions of opinion would never have been called for had the people not been deprived of their normal food, which is capable of conveying the lime or rock-like nature so essential to the growth of the bones and teeth and the natural symmetrical formation of the skull, on the size of which depends the brain power and intellectual force of man.

If, all things being equal, size is the measure of power, then the size, he says, and quality regulate the power; therefore, until the people are educated in what are the essentials of healthy life, and conform to the conditions essential to healthy growth, there must of necessity be a lack of that sturdy manhood having conscience to guide and control them in social, political and religious life.

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—Optional.—“Do you have to ask your wife for money?” faltered the little man with the hunted look in his eyes. “Not on your life!” replied the large, brusque man; “but rather than go without I sometimes do!”

Vice President's Illness Alarming.

Suffers from Kidney Trouble and Denied to all. Bell Taken from Door, as Absolute Quiet is Necessary. Mrs. Hobart also ill.

Vice President Garret A. Hobart has kidney trouble. His physician, Dr. W. K. Newton, will not admit it has developed into anything serious, but says an attack of indigestion has within the last few days so aggravated the complaint that it is necessary for the patient to keep to his room and deny himself to all callers. “Absolute rest and quiet are necessary,” the doctor says. The bell has been taken from the door, and every precaution is used so that the patient will not be disturbed.

When he arrived last Tuesday, Mr. Hobart said he would be at his office in the Savings Bank building the next day or Thursday, but he has not been there yet. He is very weak, and exertion brings on great fatigue. The fact is that he has been unable to devote extended attention to business or receive callers for the last six months.

“When he does feel strong enough to work,” said Mr. McHenry, his private secretary, “he pitches in so hard that he makes himself sick again.” Mrs. Hobart is also laid up with illness. Constant watching over her husband has deprived her of regular sleep for the last six months, and she is literally worn out in consequence. Carroll Hall, the home of the Hobarts, has been placed in practical isolation from the world at large.

Dr. Newton and Mrs. Hobart are carefully concealing from the Vice-President what they believe to be the serious nature of his illness.

When asked concerning the report that the nature of Mr. Hobart's illness would preclude the possibility of his accepting a renomination, or presiding over the Senate at its next session, Dr. Newton smiled and said: “I hope my patient will be at his office in a few days.”

Lost His Birthmark.

An amusing incident took place at the Grand Central station a few weeks ago. A portly man with clothes of foreign cut, outlandish baggage and a decided German brogue bought a ticket for a western point and then sought a sleeping berth and waited for his train to be announced. As soon as it was called he got into line, occupied much space with all his bags and bundles and made people in front and behind him uncomfortable. He had no sooner reached the platform than he dropped his baggage and freight and pushed his way back into the waiting room, ran up to the police officer and said breathlessly: “Say, I lost my birthmark.” “Your birthmark? Where was it?” “Here in my pocket in.” “In your pocket? That's a nice place to have one,” said the officer, wishing to humor a crazy man. “How did it look?” “Red-fool—like all birthmarks. I can without it not in the sleep wagon go,” and he rushed to the ticket window, where they knew that the German meant berth check when he said birthmark, and the matter was settled to his satisfaction. The crowd had gone through the door, and it was nearly train time when he came bounding back and up to the ticket window, where, with profuse apologies, he told the clerk that he had found his “birthmark.”—New York Tribune.

—You ought to take the WATCHMAN.

Laughed and Died.

A Man Killed While Eating His Supper in a Hotel—Meat Stuck in His Windpipe.

John Rotter, boarding at Gallagher's hotel, Pittsburg, was choked by a piece of steak, which stuck in his throat at supper time Tuesday night.

Rotter was a machinist and was employed by the Carnegie company in Braddock. He was 40 years old.

Shortly after 6 o'clock Tuesday night he sat down to supper. There were a number of other boarders at the table. They talked and laughed, and therein lay Rotter's danger. Years ago he suffered from quincy and the little valve which covered his windpipe had been cut out. Let him eat in a hurry or laugh when he ate and there was always danger of his food lodging in his windpipe instead of passing over it. Rotter laughed as he swallowed a piece of steak and it went down the wrong way. His laugh stopped suddenly and the other boarders were startled to see him grow black in the face and to gasp vainly for breath.

He jumped from his chair, throwing it on one side, and stood in the middle of the floor, head and shoulders bent, gasping frightfully. Presently he fell to the floor and on his hands and knees. While the horror-stricken boarders watched him he fell prone on his face; and after a few spasmodic twitches his body became still. He was dead when the doctor arrived.

Miss Yatman Rode 700 Miles.

Miss Jane C. Yatman finished her 700 miles at 4 o'clock Thursday morning at Valley Stream, L. I. The distance was covered in 81 hours and five minutes during which she slept 1 hour and 45 minutes. At the conclusion of the task Miss Yatman was in good physical condition, but so sleepy that she could make only an illegible scrawl upon the register when she tried to sign her name to complete the record of her achievement. She was given a warm bath and an alcohol rub, and put to bed. The best previous riding by a woman was made by Mrs. Lindsey, of Brooklyn, who rode 500 miles consecutively.

When she finished 500 miles Miss Yatman's weight had dropped from 121 pounds to 116 pounds, and at the finish to 114 pounds. She ate nothing solid and was sustained by beef extracts, raw eggs, a few soda wafers and plenty of chicken broth. The last fifty miles were ridden in the hardest kind of a rain storm accompanied by a strong head wind. The roads were muddy and slippery, and the riding was very hard.

Her time by centuries was as follows: First, 9 h., 3 m.; second, 10 h., 40 m.; third, 10 h., 55 m.; fourth, 12 h., 57 m.; fifth, 11 h., 45 m.; sixth, 11 h., 58 m.; seventh, 13 h., 15 m.

She rode a wheel weighing 23 pounds and geared to 78. The run was completed without mishap.

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