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HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK

Latest News Told in Briefest and Best Form.

PERSONAL.

Levi H. Bancroft, speaker of the Wisconsin assembly, was the orator at the Wisconsin day celebration at the Seattle exposition.

Edward Butler, Jr., son of Col Butler, political boss of St. Louis, died suddenly in that city of heart failure while talking to his wife.

Justice William R. Day of the United States supreme court, delivered the address at Mackinac Island, Mich., at the unveiling of the new \$7,000 statue of Pere Marquette.

President Taft has appointed A. P. Sawyer of Seattle to be auditor of Porto Rico, to succeed G. C. Ward.

Earl Grey, governor general of Canada, narrowly escaped death when he was lost and wandered for hours in the wilds of the northwest. A rescuing party found him.

Edward H. Harriman in a personal statement concerning his health said "I am all right."

Harry K. Thaw has been made librarian of the hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan, N. Y.

Senator Carter of Montana declared at Seattle that charges of water power grabbing in his state were without foundation.

Glenn H. Curtiss won the international cup for the highest speed in the aviation events at Rheims, France, flying at the rate of 47.65 miles an hour.

Charles W. Morse, recently released from the Tombs prison, New York, on \$125,000 bail, has begun his efforts to restore his fallen fortunes by attempting to regain control of the Metropolitan Steamship Company.

Henry Farman, the English aviator, made a flight of 111.78 miles at Rheims, breaking all previous distance records and winning the Grand Prix de la Champagne.

Albert Newhouse, an inmate of the poor house at Bloomington, Ill., to whom an uncle at Indianapolis left \$200,000, wants a wife to share the good fortune with him.

GENERAL NEWS.

Thirty Japanese sent by their government to study commerce and trade in the United States, landed at Seattle. They will travel through 24 states.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook of Brooklyn, N. Y., on April 21, 1908, discovered the north pole, according to a message received from him by his wife and information sent to Copenhagen by the captain of the vessel on which he returned to that point.

Through a conference between the operators and the national executive board of the United Mine Workers of America the dispute with the 18,000 miners in the Pittsburg district has been settled, and 7,000 men now on strike will return to work.

At Sleepyeye, Minn., George W. Somerville, former state senator, lawyer and politician, was shot and fatally wounded, in his private office, by John S. Hayner, manager of a large business block, in a dispute over money matters.

A message received by relatives at White Plains, N. Y., announced the death from cholera at Foo Choo, China, of Rev. and Mrs. George Cornwall, for 20 years Presbyterian missionaries in that country.

Through a deal involving millions the United States Steel Corporation has taken over the property known as the Kelly lands and Mines in Danville, Ill., district on which it held an option from the Hammond Company.

Krasnoyarsk, Siberia, is to be the place of exile of Alexander Lopukine, former chief of the Russian police department, who was convicted of activity as a revolutionary.

John R. Myrick, who enlisted in the union army as a private at the outbreak of the civil war, and who was retired as a brigadier-general in 1903, is dead in New York.

While playing with a shotgun at Nicholasville, Ky., James Littrell eight years old, accidentally discharged the weapon and blew off the head of his six-year-old sister.

Squatter Town, Nev., ten miles from Rawhide, was practically wiped off the map by a cloudburst, a wall of water ten feet high tearing down 136 buildings.

The west wing of the parliament buildings in Toronto, Can., were destroyed by fire, causing \$100,000 loss.

Matches of the New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania rifle associations began at Sea Girt, N. J., with many expert marksmen in attendance.

President Taft, following a conference with Postmaster General Hitchcock, approved plans for cutting down the expenses of the department.

Walter D. White, who had been an engineer on the Northern Pacific railroad for 50 years, was killed in a wreck at Detroit, Minn.

At least 1,200 persons lost their lives and property damage estimated as high as \$20,000,000 was caused by floods at Monterey, Mexico.

Fire destroyed the Savoy theater at Hamilton, Ont. Loss, \$60,000. The theater belonged to the Stroud-Bennett syndicate, but was to have been taken over by the Shuberts.

During the funeral at Seattle of George E. Eccles, the wireless operator who perished on the steamer Ohio, every wireless telegraph instrument in the western division was silent for half an hour.

Mrs. Katherine Miller, formerly Mrs. Kate Soffel, who served a two-year prison term for helping Jack and Edward Biddle, the murderers, escape from the county jail at Pittsburg, died of typhoid fever.

Tied to a tree by robbers, an employe of the Ingram-Day Lumber Company, suffered tortures for three days near Nugent, Miss. His mouth was stuffed with paper and rags and he was without food, while mosquitoes were torturing him.

President Taft has decided that Beverly, Mass., shall be the summer capital again next year, and has leased the cottage he now is occupying for the season.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and a delegate from Austria engaged in a war of words at the International Trades Unions congress in Paris when the latter attacked American labor for not joining the organization.

The United States and Europe were brought nearly three hours closer together when the great liner, Mauretania reduced her record from New York to Queenstown to four days, 14 hours and 27 minutes.

After slaying Cecil Norton, 15 years old, daughter of his housekeeper; his daughter Dorothy, aged 12, and setting fire to his house, Will Tibbetts, a wealthy farmer of Red Wood Falls, Minn., committed suicide.

Five persons, all relatives, were killed when a street car struck an automobile, near St. Louis.

A new tobacco war has been started at Covington, Ky., by the filing of a suit by Clark & Scott, independent manufacturers, against the Burley society, demanding \$135,520, said to have been overcharged on tobacco bought by them.

An important amendment has been made to the navy regulations which places the engineer officer attached to a ship of war in line to succeed the executive officer.

Ten square miles of forest adjoining the Sequoia grove of big trees in California have been devastated by fire, though the United States cavalry troop under Capt. Rush S. Wells has succeeded in saving the grove from danger.

A race war is threatened at Hoopston, Ill., because John A. Lumkley of Ottawa, Ia., a white man, was acquitted in connection with the murder of a negro, who was shot in the darkness during a gambling row between white and negro cannery employes.

Before 2,000 persons at Coffeyville, Kan., Harry E. Hoffman, a balloonist, fell 500 feet to death. The big bag was released accidentally before the aeronaut was ready and he was carried up hanging to a trapeze by his toes.

Emperor William invited Orville Wright and his sister, Miss Katherine, to sit with the royal family in a box to watch the arrival of Count Zeppelin who made a 450-mile flight in his airship to Berlin.

President Taft has accepted the resignation—it is believed by some that he requested it—of Ormsby McHarg, assistant secretary of the department of commerce and labor, who assailed former President Roosevelt in a newspaper interview.

Much damage was done in West Scranton, Pa., when an old mine beneath the city caved in, the city's surface in many places sinking five or six feet.

A lone bandit held up a Pennsylvania railroad express train, shot the conductor and fled with several thousand dollars in coin, including 10,000 of the new Lincoln pennies, which he mistook for gold.

Having refused to pay judgement of \$10,000 rendered against him for slandering Phillip Motherill, Wilbur Glenn Voliva, general overseer at Zion City, was placed in jail at Woodstock, Ill.

It was discovered that seven children lost their lives in the fire which destroyed St. Malachy's orphan asylum at Rockaway Park, L. I., the first report being that the nuns had saved all of the inmates.

Organization of a subordinate division of the Commercial Telegraphers' union for wireless operators is proposed by S. J. Konenkamp, president of the C. T. U.

Salaries between \$1,200 and \$2,000 will be paid by the government to men with agricultural training who pass a civil service examination at Washington September 22, to select eligibles for assistants in grain standardization in the bureau of plant industry.

Secretary of War Dickinson has directed that the marine officers who were with Lieut. Sutton on the night of his death be allowed to be present at the exhumation of his body.

Three tanks containing 35,000 barrels of oil were set on fire at Cygnut, O., by lightning, causing \$100,000 loss.

Mrs. Fred Young, wife of a farmer near Barnum, Minn., threw their three children, one, two and five years, into a well, set fire to a barn, destroying it, fired the family dwelling, swallowed poison and then gashed her throat with a knife, afterward being taken to an asylum.

Rev. J. Holmes McGuinness, Edward H. Harriman's private chaplain, in the first authoritative statement made at Arden, declared the "rail king" is much improved, giving his word as a clergyman, that reports about Mr. Harriman's condition were exaggerated.

MEXICAN RIVER FLOODS

HALF OF CITY OF CAMARGO WASHED AWAY.

Fully 200 Families Homeless and Badly in Need of Food Supplies—No Loss of Life.

Laredo, Tex.—A dispatch just received by the mayor of Nuevo Laredo, Mex., from Camargo, Mex., situated 125 miles from this city, on the lower Rio Grande, stated that as a result of the flooding of the San Juan river, due to the recent heavy rains and the overflow from the Santa Catarina river, which is a tributary of the San Juan, half the city has been washed away and there is great suffering among the poor Mexicans.

There is no mention made of any loss of life, so it is assumed that, unlike the flood at Monterey, which claimed such a large number of victims, the inhabitants of Camargo had ample warning and were enabled to escape to high ground and save themselves. Camargo consists principally of an aggregation of small adobe houses. It is a town of approximately 4,000 inhabitants. It is impossible to estimate the financial loss.

TRAIN SMASHES STREET CAR

Thirteen People Are Severely Injured, Two of Them Probably Fatally, at Des Moines, Ia.

Des Moines, Ia.—Mrs. R. M. Rollins and Mrs. Edward Lawless were probably fatally hurt and 11 other passengers were severely injured when a loaded Rock Island passenger train, carrying state fair visitors, struck a packed Fort Des Moines street car in the middle and crushed it to kindling wood.

The street car was dragged 50 feet on the pilot and wrecked against the steel girders of the railroad bridge across the Des Moines river. The wrecked car remained balanced precariously on the bank of the river 20 feet above the water. It was with difficulty that the injured were taken from the wreckage without falling into the river.

While rescuers were removing the street car passengers from their perilous situation, another Rock Island train ran into a crowd at the rear of the first excursion train and a second catastrophe was narrowly averted. All the injured live in Des Moines. While only 11 were taken to hospitals, everybody in the street car was hurt. Mrs. Lawless, who may die, suffered her throat cut by a piece of glass. Conductor Harry Badgley of the street car declared that the right of way had been given his car by the flagman at the crossing.

FINANCIER CROSSES DIVIDE

Mr. Gwinner Was the First Man to Drive a Horse Car in Pittsburg—Liked by Poor People.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Frederick Gwinner, sr., 77, former president of the Enterprise National bank, a director in several other institutions and one of the foremost financiers of this city, is dead at his home on the North Side, after an illness of a week, death being caused by acute indigestion. Mr. Gwinner was the first man to drive a horse car in Pittsburg and was heavily interested in the old Pittsburg, Allegheny & Manchester Railways Co. His fortune at the time of his death is estimated at about \$3,000,000.

The deceased endeared himself to the hearts of hundreds of poor people in this city shortly after the failure of the Enterprise National bank several years ago, when he paid out of his own pocket \$400,000 to those who lost all their savings through the alleged peculations of the cashier of the bank.

WOMAN MURDERED BY SON

When Officers Go to Arrest the Young Man He Shoots Himself Dead at Sweetheart's Home.

Pottsville, Pa.—After killing his mother, probably a week ago, George F. Simons, aged 21, shot himself dead at the home of Violet Hartranft, to whom he had been paying attention. The body of the mother was found in the attic of her home by the father, George F. Simons, sr. The door of the room was fastened with large screws and the crevices were sealed with paraffine. The body is in a horribly decomposed condition. It is believed she was strangled.

After the body was discovered the husband notified the police, who went to the home of the Hartranfts to ascertain the whereabouts of the younger Simons. Upon seeing the officers the young man shot himself in the head before any one could interfere. It is believed that the young man quarreled with his mother about his paying attention to the young girl.

Three New Ocean Records.

New York City.—Three new ocean records fell to the Cunard liner Lusitania on her latest trip from Queenstown which ended September 2. The Lusitania made the passage in four days, 11 hours and 42 minutes; she maintained an average speed of 25.85 knots for the entire voyage, beating the Mauretania record of 25.84 and finally by landing her passengers at the Cunard pier shortly before 8 o'clock at night she became the first liner to dock on the fourth day out from Queenstown.

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