

# The Centre Reporter

Centre Hall, Pa.

A clean straw hat is now becoming a rarity.

Small thunder showers are thankfully received.

What is an aviation meet without a dead and injured.

If all boys were taught to swim fewer men would be drowned.

Amateur swimmers as well as small boats should hug the shore.

If it is not one thing it is sure to be another in merry England.

Whoever invented going swimming was a public benefactor, all right.

There is need of safe and sane target practise with the big army guns.

It is to be regretted that our valuable forests are not built of Asbestos.

Aviators have not yet reached a point where they can deny the lightning.

Laugh as a health measure by all means, but laugh as opportunely as possible.

Vacations are all right while they last, but deliver us from the first week after.

It will be hard for the small boy to believe that not all ice cream cones are fit to eat.

A "don't" for aeroplane amateurs might properly be included in the list of summer cautions.

Western grasshoppers are having a hard time keeping up with the successive crops of alfalfa.

Noise shortens life, discovers some fellow who will no doubt live quietly to his hundredth birthday.

Paris is producing some interesting aeroplane literature. One machine is hit by lightning and melted.

The man who invented money would have pleased more of us if he had only made it easier to get.

Russia is opening a school of aviation. This ought to swell the dead and wounded column considerably.

Pulling the wrong lever of an aeroplane can never become a fixed habit with an aviator. Once usually suffices.

If it will help any, we will say that the new hobble skirts look like a man feels when his suspenders have broken.

Russia is opening a school of aviation. Let us hope that her aviators will make a better showing than her navigators.

The diamond trust has been renewed for five years. But who can renew his note on the engagement ring that long?

The snake stories of the season are showing a fine crop. The fish stories will have a hard time in coming up to their standard.

One Milwaukee man did not see his bride until he married her. Many brides do not see their husbands at all after marriage.

A Maryland man has taught a rattlesnake to chew tobacco. Fastidious Maryland people will refuse to associate with rattlesnakes, hereafter.

Aviator Harmon says that to be a successful bird man one must be absolutely indifferent to death, that being just about what most of us decided some time ago.

Another policeman has been shot in the leg when his revolver dropped from his pocket. We may have to increase our policemen in bullet-proof armor to conserve them.

"American women," says the gawkwar of Baroda, "are the most beautiful women in the world." Whatever the gawkwar's failings may be, he evidently has a good eye.

This Austrian count says that the European beauties are—well, stouter than ours. That is one reason why the American man has never gone abroad to marry a title.

After a New York man had shaken pepper into his soup he was seized with an attack of sneezing that killed him. Evidently some of the New York restaurants continue to serve genuine pepper.

Those who think that aviation is "flying in the face of Providence" may find confirmation in the fact that one aeroplane has been struck by lightning, although we have not stopped building houses because one is occasionally hit by a bolt.

A convention of dentists at Denver have issued a number of "Don'ts" for parents; among them a warning not to let a boy eat half an apple and give the rest to a playmate. The small boy will unanimously endorse this suggestion.

## WEEK'S BIG NEWS

### STORIES RETOLD

#### IN PARAGRAPHS

#### WASHINGTON.

Capt. Edgar A. Macklin of the Twenty-fifth Infantry has been placed on the retired list of the army by direction of the President on account of disability incurred in line of duty.

Gustav A. Rist, an American citizen, was murdered in Bolivia on June 11 by Augustin Humf, according to a dispatch received at the state department from Minister Leslie Combs at Lima, Peru.

The census bureau announced the population of Albany to be 100,253, a gain of 6.5 per cent. in ten years. The population of Indianapolis is 233,650, a gain of 38.1 per cent.

Secretary Ballinger of the interior department has sent word to Beverly that he will resign any time he is asked to do so by the President, but not until then.

#### PERSONAL.

National rejoicing upon an unusually extensive scale marked the eleventh birthday of Emperor Franz Joseph, the venerable sovereign of Austria and Hungary and dean of all the European monarchs.

David Ranken, Jr., the millionaire St. Louis philanthropist and founder of the school of mechanical trades which bears his name, died in Atlantic City, N. J. Just before departing for Atlantic City Ranken gave \$3,000 to the school of which he was the founder.

Vice President Sherman, after a long conference with President Taft, made it clear that direct primaries will be treated as a dead issue in the state campaign.

Speaking of his recent western trip, Senator Crane told his callers that he found general business surprisingly good, the only menace to reviving prosperity being found in popular unrest, which is manifesting itself in some of the political activities of the day.

Speaker Cannon addressed the "old settlers" of Watska, Ill. in opening his campaign for re-election to congress.

President Taft sent a message of sympathy regarding the death of President Montt. An American warship may bring the body to this country.

Dr. Charles Fahlgren died in Bad Nassau, Germany. He was the co-discoverer in New York in 1879 with Dr. Ira Remsen of saccharin.

A cable dispatch from Carlsbad, Austria, announces the death of James E. Hurley, general manager of the Santa Fe railroad. He was at Carlsbad for his health. Death resulted from heart disease. James E. Hurley was born in 1869 at Wapello, Iowa.

President Pedro Montt of Chile, who was talking with Mayor Gaynor on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse at Hoboken just before the latter was shot, died of heart disease after arriving at Bremen. He was sixty-four years old.

The fifth Earl of Spencer, twice viceroy of Ireland, died in London.

The probating of the will of the late Representative Walter P. Brownlow of the First Tennessee district, reveals that his estate, valued at \$200,000, is left in the hands of trustees for twelve years, following which it is to be divided among his five children.

#### GENERAL NEWS.

J. F. McMurray denied at Sulphur, Okla., that he had offered Senator Gore a \$25,000 or \$50,000 bribe to further his Indian contracts, or that he had said that Vice President Sherman was interested in them.

Commander Henry L. Johnson, U. S. N., retired, died of heart failure at his home in Burlington, Vt.

The Washington woolen mills, owned by John C. Melville of Fredericksburg, Va., and a number of New York people, have been burned. Loss \$150,000.

Reflecting the views of the administration, it is generally believed, Representative Nicholas Longworth of Ohio gave out a statement at Beverly, Mass., in which he says he will never support Speaker Cannon again.

Six more veniremen were dismissed in the trial of Lee O'Neil Browne, in Chicago, making a total of 111 who have admitted that they were "approached" as to their views.

The last bulletin issued by Mayor Gaynor's surgeons stated that all conditions were favorable.

The prosperity of the west is emphasized by James J. Hill, just returned from tour.

Representative Lloyd opened national congressional campaign headquarters in Chicago.

Speaker Cannon at Danville, Ill., said that he would go into the Republican caucus as a candidate.

Stockholders of the old Phenix Fire Insurance company said they would sue the directors for an accounting of losses attributed to mismanagement.

Gen. Frederick Dent Grant issued a statement at Pine Camp, N. Y., in which he praised the workings of the present prohibitory canteen law.

More than 2,000 enlisted men of the Atlantic battleship fleet were the guests of the citizens of Newport, R. I., being served with a clam bake.

Rudolph and Leopold Klaybolte sued in New York for \$2,000,000 damages for losses in railway deals, accusing Newman Erb, as trustee of estate.

Acting Mayor Mitchell of New York says the law prohibiting prize fighting must be enforced.

The contest committee of the Boston-Harvard crew meet decided at Boston to do away with the balloon exhibition and make the affair strictly an aviation meet.

## THE TALE OF THE TUB



## ATTEMPT TO FLY TO LONDON

### John Moissant a Reckless and Romantic Character.

### HE FAILS IN ATTEMPT TO FLY TO LONDON

Determined, However, to Complete His Remarkable Journey From the French to the English Capital—The Young American Aviator Now Recognized as an Agent of General Zelaya.

Chatham, England (Special).—Two accidents to his monoplane brought down to earth the American aviator, John B. Moissant, who the day before made a remarkable flight across the English Channel, with a passenger, in a daring attempt to fly from Paris to London. Moissant's aeroplane lies partially wrecked in a brick field near Rainham, Kent, some 30 miles from London.

By a remarkable stroke of fortune, which seemed to have followed the almost unknown and inexperienced aviator on the first two days of his flight, Moissant and his mechanic, Albert Fleux, escaped unhurt. But the machine came heavily to the ground, alighting in a narrow space banked high around with earth and piles of broken brick. There it is likely to remain until it can be removed piecemeal and refitted with parts now on their way from Paris to replace those that were broken by the fall.

Moissant resumed his flight from Tilmanstone at 4:55 o'clock A. M. The weather was clear and hardly a breeze stirred the air. Everything seemed most favorable to the accomplishment of his hopes, but at 7 o'clock he was obliged to descend near Sittingbourne. A small pin had become displaced, and almost from the start it gave the aviator trouble.

After this defect was repaired Moissant ascended, but before he had gone many miles a connecting rod was broken, which forced him to use the planes to reach the ground.

PHILANTHROPIST DEAD.

### DAVID RANKEN, JR., WHO GAVE AWAY FORTUNE OF \$3,000,000.

Atlantic City, N. J. (Special).—David Ranken, Jr., a millionaire philanthropist of St. Louis, died here.

Mr. Ranken was the founder of the David Ranken, Jr., School of Mechanical Trades, which he endowed with \$3,000,000, saving only \$250 a month for himself. He was born at Boystown, County Londonderry, Ireland, October 3, 1835. He was educated at Belfast Academy. Coming to the United States in 1862 he settled in St. Louis, where he remained a bachelor while amassing a fortune in the real estate and financial business.

He was a director of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition and a member of the Business Men's League.

CAN'T SHUT HER MOUTH.

### Waterbury Girl Yawns and Jaws Refuse to Close.

Waterbury (Special).—Physicians are puzzled by the case of May Fielding, of Cherry street, whose jaw is set so tight she cannot close it. She is in a partially comatose state, following hysterics and severe fainting spells, and it is feared she may not recover.

She was employed by the Waterbury Clock Company, and all last week looked forward to the picnic. At the outing she was the merriest of the crowd. Returning to her home, she sat in a rocking chair and yawned several times in succession. Finally her jaws refused to close.

CRACK POSTOFFICE SAFE.

### Burglars in Auto Pay Visit to Groveland, N. J.

Auburn, N. Y. (Special).—Safebreakers, supposedly the gang who operated on the safe at Groveland, near Rochester, some nights ago, and escaped in an automobile, entered the village of Cayuga by auto at 2 o'clock A. M. First they broke into the barn of the Mansfield Hotel and took rugs and blankets. They next raided a blacksmith shop and obtained tools. Finally they gained access to the post-office and wrapping the safe in the robes obtained from the hotel barn, they dynamited it. They got away with a large quantity of stamps and money.

ETHEL TURNS EXPLORER.

### Roosevelt's Daughter With Expedition to Glaciers.

Great Falls, Mont. (Special).—Miss Ethel Roosevelt, daughter of former President Roosevelt, is in Montana, accompanied by Major Henry Fairfield Osborn, the famous paleontologist of the United States Geological Survey. Others in the party are Miss Osborn, the Major's daughter, and a number of guides. Miss Roosevelt, it is said, is interested in exploring the recesses of the glacier park.

DEMANDED BABY BOY.

### Refused, Automobilists Threw Carbolic Acid on Mother.

Stanford, Ky. (Special).—Stopping their automobile in front of the home of T. P. Eads, a young farmer, a man and woman demanded that Mrs. Eads return her baby boy. When Mrs. Eads refused the woman threw a bottle of carbolic acid on the young mother. Then the two strangers left in their car. No explanation for the act was obtainable from Mrs. Eads.

## JERSEY CITY HAS BIG BLAZE

### Engines Are Sent Over From New York City.

### Big Buildings Are Reduced to Ashes With Great Rapidity on Account of the Inflammable Nature of Their Contents—Burning Cork Scatters the Fire—Tenement Dwellers Are Driven to the Streets.

New York (Special).—Fire in the warehouse division of Jersey City caused damage estimated at \$1,000,000. Chief Croker and five engines from New York hurried across the Hudson to aid the Jersey firemen and dynamite was used frequently.

The fire started in the plant of Truslow & Fulle, manufacturers of cork products, at Washington and Morgan streets. The flaming light cork was carried by the wind and ignited the plant of the Riegel Sack Company across the street.

A few minutes later the Independent Baking Powder Works were burning. Then working up Washington street, the fire attacked the W. Amos & Co. spike works and the Butler Bros. notion warehouse.

The entire Jersey City fire department was on the scene at this stage, and the baking powder plant was demolished with dynamite. But as the flames continued to spread aid was summoned from New York, and the two departments worked together.

The vicinity is fringed with old wood tenement houses, occupied mainly by Polish dock laborers and their families, and thousands poured into the streets, wailing and dragging their belongings.

The streets were soon congested with furniture and other household articles, seriously hampering the firemen and affording loot for hoodlums.

Only on serious accident was reported. The victim was Spencer Babcock, a fireman, who was knocked unconscious by a live wire.

BACK FROM MT. MCKINLEY.

### Prof. Parker Says Cook Was Ten Miles From Summit.

Seward, Alaska (Special).—The Parker-Browne Mount McKinley expedition passed through here and sailed for Seattle. The party failed to climb Mount McKinley, and members declare that they have conclusive proof that Dr. Cook never reached the summit and that the peak which he reported as the summit is fully 10 miles from the real summit.

Prof. Hirschell Parker took photos of this peak, which he says can easily be identified as pictures of the peak that Cook gives in his book.

Among the party were Professor Parker, of Columbia; Professor Cuntz, of Stevens Institute, Hoboken; Herman S. Stuckens, of Newton, Mass., and Waldemar Grassie, of Columbia University.

Professor Parker doubts the claims made by Tom Lloyd, of Fairbanks, that he and his companions climbed McKinley from the Fairbanks side.

Clears Car With Hat Pin.

Philadelphia, Pa. (Special).—Violet Ida Adams, a modishly attired young woman of South Fifth street, created a panic in a Spruce street trolley car when she drew a hatpin and opened an attack upon 10 passengers and the car crew.

She began the attack by smashing a young man in the face with her first-candidate hatpin, apparently scrutinized her too closely. When she had finished him, the conductor and motorman were driven from the car, then each passenger in turn was jabbed with the woman's weapon. She was captured by a patrol load of policemen from the Sixteenth district and taken to the Philadelphia Hospital.

One Dead, One Wounded.

Dalton, Ga. (Special).—Meagre reports of the killing of a young man named Patterson and the wounding of another man named Trems at Wood Station, Catoosa county, have reached Dalton. The authorities here have been telephoning a description of the alleged slayer of Patterson—John Brockman—who left immediately after the tragedy, headed in this direction. A posse is searching the surrounding country thoroughly. The cause of the shooting is said to have been family troubles.

\$7.50 To Dine With Roosevelt.

Chicago (Special).—It will cost \$7.50 to dine with Colonel Roosevelt at the Congress Hotel on the night of September 8. Besides, one must first have an invitation from the Hamilton Club, whose guest he will be, and then draw for a chance to be a favored one. Engraved invitations with cards setting forth that the drawing for tickets will take place at 2 o'clock, August 29, have been issued.

15-Passenger Dirigible.

San Francisco, Cal. (Special).—On funds supplied by leading business and professional men, a 15-passenger dirigible is being secretly constructed here and will soon be completed. It is said to be of a new type which, it is hoped, will introduce radical changes into air craft generally.

Jilted, Ends Her Life.

Hoboken, N. J. (Special).—Arrested on the complaint of a former sweetheart, Anton Eitzner, who charged her with annoying him, Minnie Kritchener, aged 22 years, shot and killed herself in the detention-room of police headquarters. The matron of the house had just entered to search the girl, when she suddenly drew the revolver from the bosom of her dress, placed it behind her right ear and fired. The bullet lodged in her brain. "Tell him I love him," she exclaimed, as she died.

## EPIDEMIC OF CHOLERA

### IN SOUTHERN ITALY

### Thousands of People Fleeing From the Pest.

### CARRYING THE DREADED GERMS.

### The Pope Orders That the Lazaretto of Santa Marta, Built Inside the Vatican By Pope Leo, Be Prepared for Emergency—Priests Instructed to Aid Civil Authorities.

Bari, Italy (Special).—The epidemic of cholera, which has broken out in Southern Italy, is steadily showing an increase in the districts affected, particularly in the town of Trani, where the number of deaths already is more than 30. The latest official report gave 20 deaths at Trani, showing the rapidity with which the disease is increasing there. The epidemic is of a virulent type and the death rate is high.

Even graver danger is anticipated from the flying population of the infected districts who may bear the germs of the disease to regions not yet involved. Trani seems almost deserted as a result of the panic, 20,000 of the residents, fully one-half of the population, having fled the town. Fully as many have escaped from the island town of Barletta.

Rome (Special).—Rumors that the epidemic of cholera, which has broken out in Apulia, had spread to Rome are emphatically denied. There have been no cases here and the general health conditions in Rome are excellent, better than at any time during the past 10 years.

Although the danger of infection is not felt here, the Pope ordered the Lazaretto of Santa Marta, built inside the Vatican by Pope Leo in 1885, during the great cholera epidemic at Naples, but never used because of the absence of cholera patients, made ready for any emergency. The hospital, instead, has been employed to shelter pilgrims from all countries, including parties of American sailors who have visited Rome from American warships lying in Italian ports.

The influence of the church is to be used to assist the civil authorities in fighting the epidemic, the clergy having been instructed to use all means to enforce compliance with the sanitary regulations on the part of their parishioners.

No final decision has been taken regarding the proposed departure of King Victor for the cholera region. The King, it is said, has determined to proceed personally to the scene if conditions become more serious, in which case Queen Helena, it is said, will insist upon accompanying him.

FLORIDA LIMITED DERAILED.

### Twenty-Seven Passengers Injured On Southern.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The general offices of the Southern Railway issued the following statement regarding the wreck of the Florida Limited, northbound, near Rockton, S. C.:

"The engine remained on the track, but the combination express and baggage car and two coaches were derailed. Three sleeping cars left the track, but remained upright. The accident occurred about 10 o'clock P. M. The cause has not yet been ascertained, as the track is in good condition at the point where the train was first derailed. A further investigation will be made.

"No persons were killed. Twenty-seven passengers—8 white and 19 colored—received slight injuries, but were all able to proceed on their journey, with the exception of J. D. Ruden, of Atlanta, Ga., who was injured about the head, and who is under the care of a physician at Columbia, S. C."

Conductor Blanton and Mail Clerk Thompson were the most severely injured, it was learned. Over 300 yards of track were torn up and traffic badly delayed.

NEARLY OVERTHROW MADRIZ.

### Zelaya's Wife Plotted to Make Dr. Irias President.

San Jose, Costa Rica (Special).—Quick work on the part of President Madriz, of Nicaragua, prevented the overthrow of his government.

According to information which has reached here from Managua, from an unquestionably reliable source, Mme. Zelaya, the wife of the deposed president of Nicaragua, organized a conspiracy to overthrow Madriz and install Dr. Irias.

The conspirators had progressed to a point where they were almost ready to spring the trap, when one of the trusted followers of Mme. Zelaya got drunk and gave the plot away.

President Madriz took summary steps to prevent the conspiracy from being carried out, and the plotters were frustrated. Mme. Zelaya was ordered to leave the country forthwith, and Madriz took pains to see that she was placed on board the steamer San Jose bound from Corinto to Panama, with a through ticket to Europe.

Dr. Irias, who held a place in the Madriz cabinet was invited to resign, and the lesser figures in the conspiracy were thrown into prison.

FOR PANAMA EXPOSITION.

### Louisiana Senate Passes Bill Providing \$5,500,000.

Baton Rouge, La. (Special).—The Senate passed the special tax and bond issue bill, providing \$5,500,000 for the Panama Exposition Company of New Orleans. The bill now goes to the House, where assurances have been given of its passage this week. With popular subscriptions in New Orleans this will give the promoters of the exposition considerably more than the \$7,500,000 recommended by Congress.

## MCMURRAY DENIES OFFERING BRIBE

### Hamon Also on Stand in Indian Land Case.

### Man Whom Oklahoma Senator Charged With Offering Him a Bribe, Also States That Vice-President and Senator Curtis Were Not Interested.

Sulphur, Okla. (Special).—"It has been charged that you, through Jake L. Hamon, offered Senator T. P. Gore \$25,000 or \$50,000 as a bribe to influence him in Congress to withdraw opposition to the approval of your contract. Did you or did you not offer Senator Gore such a bribe?"

"No," replied J. F. McMurray, to this question when asked at the hearing before the congressional committee investigating Indian land affairs.

Mr. McMurray, who holds contracts with Chickasaw and Choctaw Indians for the sale of \$30,000,000 worth of land in this State on a 10 per cent. contingent fee basis, was on the stand all day. The questions were propounded to him by Cecil H. Smith, his counsel.

"Did you ever tell any one that Vice-President Sherman had any interest in your contracts?"

"I never did," answered McMurray. "Did you authorize Hamon to say Mr. Sherman was interested?"

"Did Senator Charles Curtis, of Kansas, ever have any interest in the contracts?"

"He never did; and I never told any one that he did."

"Did you ever tell anyone that Congressman B. S. McGuire had any interest in any of your contracts?"

"I never did."

"Has any member of Congress or any employe of any department of the government any interest in your contracts?"

"They have not."

Describing his contracts as a plain business proposition, Mr. McMurray told of his relations with the Indians, begun in 1899. In the first contract for the sale of the land Cecil Lyon, National Republican Committeeman from Texas, was a partner, McMurray said. These contracts were disapproved by President Roosevelt in 1908, and Mr. Lyon ceased to be connected with them. Mr. McMurray said he then employed as counsel former Senator J. M. Thurston, of Nebraska; former Senator C. I. Long, of Kansas; and Richard C. Adams, of Washington. The witness denied that he ever offered \$25,000 as a bribe to D. C. McCurtain, a Choctaw lawyer. McCurtain had testified that the offer had been made to him in connection with the old tribal contracts.

Mr. McMurray testified that he had called twice on Senator Gore after May 6 (the date on which the Senator said Hamon tried to bribe him), and the Senator had made no reference to the alleged offer of bribery to him. He had not heard of it until Gore's speech in the Senate which was made on June 24.

Jacob L. Hamon, mentioned by Senator Gore as the man who offered the bribe in McMurray's behalf, took the stand and denied he had ever made such an offer.

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