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SCHOOLS IN PUBLIC PARKS.

Boston's finance commission has placed itself upon record as favoring the building of one of the public schools in one of Boston's public parks. If the suggestion should be acted upon by the Boston city government it would probably involve a unique experiment. A schoolhouse is to be built in a portion of the city where property is high-priced, and even at a high price it is difficult to get a suitable site. In Washington park the city has an area of 396,125 square feet in such location as to make an ideal site, says the St. Paul Dispatch. The commission argues that the school building will occupy but 12,000 square feet of this space, and that the curtailing of the breathing area will, therefore, not be serious. On the other hand, the fact of having a school in the park will attract to it a maximum number of children and promote the object of the park.

While the finance commission does not wish to make its recommendation a precedent, it has in it a suggestion of value. The plan might be worked both ways, locating schools where convenient in public parks so as to give the children a maximum of ground for recreation, and turning the grounds about such buildings into breathing spots for the use of the neighborhoods, especially in vacation times.

A Brooklyn woman lately wrote to the marriage license bureau of that city to know if she could be supplied with a good, honest, sober husband. The clerk in charge explained that, while he had a few model men on hand, they were all married and the supply was entirely too limited for the demand. The fact that the matrimonial market is understocked with honest, sober husbands may be one reason why the divorce courts are overcrowded.

The pessimist can always find food for gloomy thought. The facts that the census shows a big increase in population while the death rate is decreasing will prove to that individual, who, like the proverbial Scotchman, is never happy unless he is miserable, that the nation is going to be overcrowded until somebody has to be shoved off the earth to make room for the rest.

Those who have been wondering as to whether America would produce a new race have their answer. The hobble skirt race has been inaugurated on Long Island. It was won in seven falls.

That marriage is the worst kind of a failure is the opinion of a Gotham broker who is paying his first wife \$240 a month alimony and whose second wife wants alimony to the tune of \$500 more.

Trust science to rise to every emergency. It says we are all going insane from living in flats, and now a French surgeon is going to saw open our heads and scrape away the foolish fancies.

A Japanese scientist claims that he can educate oysters to produce perfect pearls. This may be glad news, now that the season is open to the patrons of the restaurant pearl fisheries.

Football this year will have to compete with aviation, but as there seems to be no good way to use a college yell in connection with an airship the gridiron sport will have some advantages.

A Tokyo cable announces the Japanese will make a dash for the south pole to try and beat the American and British expeditions. The more the merrier. And may the best man win.

Girls caught shoplifting in Philadelphia explained that "they wanted to be stylish." In order to satisfy that desire they should have confined their misdeeds to smuggling.

A western man claims he is insane and brings forward as proof the fact that he was married three times in three months. "Insane" is an inadequate word, we opine.

New York has formed a league to banish French from the bill of fare. Merely to call a chef a cook would be a great gain.

We gather that the Brooklyn woman who named sixty-three co-respondents in her divorce suit, really deserves to win it.

New York bulldog turns on the gas and commits suicide. Even a dog can't stand the dog's life a New Yorker leads.

Now the sultan of Sulu says that one wife is a plenty. Thus he destroys his usefulness as a comic opera prop.

\$2,000,000 FUND FOR THE RED CROSS

President Taft Names Special Committees to Act.

IN ANSWERING EMERGENCY CALLS

The General Committee Will Consist of Endowment Subcommittees in Every Large City To Have Charge of the Campaign For Raising That City's Portion of the Endowment Fund.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—President Taft announced the appointment of a special committee of eminent men in all parts of the country who are to undertake the raising of a \$2,000,000 endowment fund for the American National Red Cross Society. The chairman will be Franklin MacVeagh, Secretary of the Treasury, while Charles D. Norton, private secretary of the President, will be the vice-chairman.

The general committee will consist of endowment subcommittees in every large city, to have charge of the campaign for raising that city's portion of the endowment fund.

The Red Cross Society now has no real endowment, and it is considered very desirable that there should be a permanent fund of not less than \$2,000,000, which may be so invested as to net an income of \$100,000 or \$120,000 annually for use by the society. The principal is not to be touched, only the income being used.

This is the second movement of the kind in which the President has taken an active interest. He endorsed heartily the plan to raise \$3,000,000 for the extension of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association in foreign lands.

The Red Cross endowment fund, if raised and invested, will place the work of that organization on a substantial basis. The society in the past has been called upon suddenly in emergencies and generally has had to issue a call for funds. By having a large reserve fund the society will be in position to do much more effective work on the spur of the moment when the call for help is made.

Many prominent financiers, business and professional men, besides jurists and civic leaders, are to be placed upon the committees, and it is believed that little difficulty will be experienced in raising the fund when the purpose for which it is to be used is understood throughout the country.

PLAYER'S JAW BROKEN.

Easton Footballer Does Not Discover Injury During Game.

Bethlehem, Pa. (Special).—In a football game here, Hale Francisco, of Easton, a member of the Spartan A. C. eleven, received a fractured jaw.

The accident occurred when Francisco tackled Half-Back Fehr. Francisco continued playing, and when he returned home discovered that his jaw had been fractured in three places.

Hero Loses His Life.

Lynn, Mass. (Special).—To save three small children who had wandered onto the Boston and Maine Railroad tracks in front of an express train Stephen Jones gave up his life. The children were crossing the tracks unaware of the approaching train, when Jones ran toward the spot and warned them of their danger by his shouts so that they escaped. He, himself, had misjudged the speed and distance of the express, and his moment of hesitation before leaping to safety cost him his life, for the engine struck and killed him instantly. He was 55 years old and leaves a family.

Meat Prices To Fall, He Says.

New York (Special).—In the opinion of Patrick Cudaby, a Milwaukee meat packer just returned from Europe, there will be a drop of 10 per cent. in the price of beef and 25 per cent. in the price of pork within the next year. He bases his opinion on the abundant corn crop. For several years farmers have found it more profitable to sell their grain than to hold it for fodder.

Mine Watchman Killed.

Myersdale, Pa. (Special).—William Treasler, while on duty as watchman at one of the mines near here, was shot and killed, seven bullets entering his body. He is thought to have been killed by some person found near the mine who was trespassing on the company's property.

Bar Harbor Excludes Autos.

Augusta, Me. (Special).—Bar Harbor will continue to get along without motor-cars. In the Supreme Court Justice William P. Whitehouse, in a rescript, declared the so-called Bar Harbor automobile exclusion bill passed by the legislature last year to be constitutional. The bill had the support of many New York, Boston and Philadelphia people who have summer homes at Bar Harbor, but was opposed by some of the permanent residents.

BREAD NECESSITY, CAKE LUXURY

Distinction Drawn By The Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Bread as a necessity wins a qualified victory over cake as a luxury in a rate decision which the Interstate Commerce Commission announced in the case of the Oak Grove Farm Creamery, of Boston, Mass., against the Adams Express Company and others. The decision denies the creamery's contention that cake should be given as low a transportation rate as bread, but orders a discontinuance of the defendant common carriers' rule that in a mixed shipment of bread and cake 50 per cent. of the package must be bread in order that the package should get the lower bread rate.

The commission points out that bread is a necessity of life and an article of universal consumption, and the defendants may, therefore, properly apply to it a somewhat lower rate. But the rates now charged on cake are held to be unreasonable and should not exceed the regular merchandise rate excluding the weight of the hamper in which the cake is shipped.

Reaffirming its right to exercise its jurisdiction over private cars when used for conveyance of amusement outfits, theatrical companies and the like, the Interstate Commerce Commission announced its views as to a railroad claiming to be a "private carrier." The decision was a denial of a petition for rehearing in the case of Pat Chapelle against the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. The commission says it cannot recognize the right of the defendant to claim exemption from the provision of the interstate law as to any service which it renders as a carrier of persons or property.

"If it is private carrier as to private cars or any class of private cars," says the commission, "it may carry such cars free of charge, or at any rate that it may choose, differing and distinguishing between each party or car that it carries. Such a construction of the law absolutely nullifies it as to all private equipment whether carrying passengers or freight.

A carrier may not doubt lawfully refuse to carry certain classes of private equipment, but it may not distinguish between private cars that are owned by negroes and private cars that are owned by whites; not between private cars owned by Armour & Co. and private cars owned by any other concern."

KILLED AT FARMER'S GATE.

Young Woman's Slayer Himself Fired At, He Says.

Fort Worth, Tex. (Special).—Miss Lula Williams, aged 25 years, daughter of T. L. Williams, a prosperous farmer, living six miles north of Arlington, was shot and killed by R. H. Bates, aged 40, a farmer, in front of Bates' home. Bates stated he was called to the door and after a pistol shot had been fired at him, he seized a shotgun and fired into the darkness.

There was no outcry although he discerned a fleeing figure. An hour later the woman was found dead in front of the gate. She was dressed in a man's overcoat and cap. Bates is under arrest.

BANK CASHIER A SUICIDE.

Stabs Himself When Inspector Starts Examination.

Georgetown, Texas (Special).—When Bank Examiner Chambers appeared at the Weir State Bank to examine that institution, Cashier J. I. Dester stabbed himself in the throat and died within a few moments.

Weir is a small town a few miles from Georgetown. The condition of the bank's affairs has not been announced.

Auto Overturns; Two Killed.

Los Angeles, Cal. (Special).—W. C. Massey, a rancher, and his 4-year-old daughter were killed near San Fernando when the engine of the auto they occupied with three others stopped dead near the top of a hill and the machine rushed backward and overturned. The little girl was killed outright, while Massey died several hours later. The others jumped and were uninjured.

Ambassador O'Brien Back.

Victoria, B. C. (Special).—Thomas J. O'Brien, American Ambassador to Japan, with his wife, arrived here, bound for their home at Grand Rapids, Mich., on a furlough of two months. The Ambassador stated that Japanese feeling toward the United States was most cordial, and he did not anticipate any question to arise that would not lend itself to ready solution.

Kills Himself On Liner.

Queenstown (Special).—Dr. John H. Nesbitt, a New York physician, shot and killed himself in his stateroom on board the steamer Arable. The Arable arrived here Sunday from New York. The body has been embalmed and will be landed at Liverpool.

Train Hits Work Gang.

Piedmont, W. Va. (Special).—A passenger train plowed through a gang of Italian workmen, killing three and fatally injuring two.

GARMENT WORKERS AND POLICE BATTLE

Draw Revolvers and Charge Into Mobs That Hurl Stones.

RIOTS IN THE STREETS OF CHICAGO

Strikers Put Up a Desperate Fight. Knocked Down By Policemen's Pistols and Trampled On—Bleeding Heads and Faces—Men and Women Hurl Stones, Bricks and Clubs—Strikers Dismantle Clothing Establishment and Toss Machines Into the Street.

Chicago (Special).—Grim specters of the days of the Haymarket riot haunted Chicago's streets for a brief time Wednesday, when Police Inspector S. K. Healy and 60 policemen with drawn revolvers charged several hundred striking garment workers, who were rioting on the West Side.

One policeman was stabbed. Several rioters were seriously injured, and 25 strikers and sympathizers were arrested during the brisk fight, which threatened to get beyond police control.

This is the most serious outbreak that has occurred since the inception of the strike of garment workers. It occurred at the plant of A. Lott & Co., at West Ohio and Hickerdike streets. Before the police arrived the strikers broke all the windows in the large building occupied by the clothing manufacturers, drove strike-breakers out, carried a large number of sewing machines into the streets and destroyed them.

The strikers and their followers put up a desperate fight for a time. Many were knocked down with the clubbed revolvers of the police and not a few were trampled on during the fighting. Bleeding heads and faces were numerous.

Strike pickets gained entrance to the Lott tailoring establishment as a mob of strikers approached the building. Some of the employees of the company joined the strikers and have assisted in pulling machines from the floors and otherwise damaging the plant. It is said. Men and women were hurling stones and bricks through the windows of the factory when Inspector Healy and his squad of policemen arrived.

The inspectors experienced difficulty in getting together the disorganized policemen, who had borne the brunt of the early fighting. When he had done so, however, the policemen charged through the mob, knocking down all in their way. Many of the rioters fled when they saw the policemen draw revolvers. Others remained firm and hurled clubs and stones at the officers. A number of women were arrested, but most of these were released after they had been taken to a police station.

Dukes "Not Worth a Ding."

New York (Special).—Geraldine Farrar, the American opera singer, is evidently not going to marry a titled foreigner, at least not a duke. The soprano was informed on her arrival on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse that it was reported she would wed a duke. "Dukes!" asked Miss Farrar. "I've met many of them and, believe me, taking them individually and collectively, they are not worth a ding."

70-Cent Drop in Pork Prices.

Cleveland (Special).—Hog prices have dropped approximately 70 cents in the past eight days, according to quotations on the local market. Dealers say that further declines will come before the end of the week, and that the end is not in sight. The biggest corn crop in history is assigned as the cause.

Makes Home a Shambles.

Lawrenceville, Ga. (Special).—Joseph Wallace, a prominent merchant of this place, shot and killed his wife and 13-year-old son, fatally wounded his 16-year-old boy, drove two daughters away from home, and then turned the revolver on himself, ending his own life, at his home here. No cause has been given for the deed.

Man, 82, and Bride, 48, Elope.

Sterling, Ill. (Special).—Jacob Myers, a wealthy farmer, 82 years old, eloped and was married. Myers' son, 60 years old, objected to the marriage. The bridegroom has three great-grandchildren.

Mine Explosion Kills Four.

Butte, Mont. (Special).—Four miners were instantly killed and their bodies blown to shreds by an explosion in the Leonard mine, one of the properties of the Boston and Montana Company.

Two Killed in Threshing Accident.

Lapeer, Mich. (Special).—Charles Ritch and George Oviatt were killed and John Gordon was fatally injured when a threshing machine engine boiler exploded five miles from here.

Lad Dies From Football Injuries.

Natchez, Miss. (Special).—E. Sterling Gunn, Jr., 16 years old, son of Rev. E. Sterling Gunn, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, died of blood poisoning resulting from injuries sustained during a practice game of football.

BREAKS THE WORLD'S RECORD

Ralph Johnstone in Baby Wright is Highest Flyer.

New York (Special).—A "baby" Wright roadster, with Ralph Johnstone at the wheel, glided gracefully to earth in the twilight at the close of the international aviation meet at Belmont Park Monday evening with the barograph registering a new world's record for altitude. The little machine, of only 35-horsepower, had been up 9,714 feet, exceeding by 528 feet the height attained in France on October 1 by Henry Wymalen, of Holland.

But Johnstone's sky-climbing feat was not the only notable incident of the closing day of the meet. Claude Grahame-White, the athletic Britisher, who carries away the Gordon Bennett trophy, which takes the next international tournament to England, sharpened the sporting appetite with a challenge to John W. Moisant, of Chicago, for another race from the park around the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor and return. Moisant, who won \$10,000 for his fast flight around the statue Sunday ignored the challenge.

Then Grahame-White, denied another chance for a visit to Miss Liberty, sent a thrill through the spectators, when at the close of a speed race with J. A. D. McCurdy, of the Curtiss team, his propeller snapped, his monoplane dug into the greensward in front of the grand-stand, turned turtle, and buried the aviator underneath. He was uninjured, and won the race.

Moisant's winning of the \$2,000 distance prize offered by the Aero Club of America, was the other big event of the day. He traveled approximately 87-1/2 miles in two hours. In landing, after winning the event, he smashed his propeller and broke a running wheel, but escaped unscathed.

"I was in a pretty purple haze up there," said Johnstone, after he had finished his world-record flight, "and say, it was cold. I had a couple of sweaters on, beside my rubber suit and face mask, but then at times I felt as if freezing."

"Several times I lost complete sight of the earth, but when I shot clear of the haze I could see away down below buildings and residences which looked like toy blocks. I have been flying only since June, but it sure was the most satisfactory trip I have ever made."

BLAME DISASTER ON GAS.

Report of Labor Men On Explosion in Los Angeles Times Office.

San Francisco (Special).—The committee appointed by the State Federation of Labor to investigate the Los Angeles Times disaster presented a report to the Executive Council, finding that the explosion was caused by gas.

"The only tenable theory so far advanced," says the report, "is that leaks in the Times building let loose so much gas that by coming into contact with an open fire such as a lighted match or the fires in the printing department, there was a disastrous explosion."

Georgia Cotton Hurt By Cold.

Atlanta (Special).—Commissioner of Agriculture Thomas G. Hudson estimated the damage to the cotton crop in Georgia from the recent cold weather at \$750,000. "I am now convinced," said Mr. Hudson, "that the total production in this State will not exceed 1,300,000 bales, as against 1,900,000 or 2,000,000 under normal conditions."

Budget For 1911, \$174,079,335.

New York (Special).—The budget for New York for the year 1911, as finally adopted by the Board of Estimates and signed by all of the members of the board, foots up to \$174,079,335, nearly \$11,000,000 higher than that for 1910, which amounted to \$163,130,270.

Germany Buys Aeroplanes.

Berlin (Special).—The War Office acquired aeroplanes of five different types. These comprise the Wright, Sommer, Farman and Avatik biplanes and the Ettrick monoplane. Various tests of a far-reaching character will be made with these machines and the Government will then make extensive purchases for the army.

Fireman Killed in Wreck.

Chattanooga, Tenn. (Special).—A. G. Sanford, fireman, of Smyrna, Tenn., was instantly killed; Michael McGovern, engineer, of Nashville, was badly scalded, and Postal Clerk Frank B. Allen was injured in the wrecking of passenger train, No. 4, on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway. The passengers were terribly shaken up, but none was seriously injured.

Shot For a Deer.

Vancouver, B. C. (Special).—D. Gibson, a hunter from New York, about 40 years old and apparently a man of wealth, was shot and killed in the woods north of Vancouver by C. Young, who mistook him for a deer. Gibson's body was brought to this city in a launch.

The United States consumes over \$1,000,000 worth of Spanish grapes annually.

UNITED STATES TO TAKE A HAND

Gen. Valladares Will Have to Vacate Amapala.

IN OPEN DEFIANCE OF DAVILA

Outlaw Commandant of the Island Of Amapala, the Pacific Port Of Honduras — American Gunboat Princeton Lying Off the Place — Port Closed and the Island In a State Of Siege — Gen. Valladares Hates Americans.

Tecucigalpa, Honduras (Special).—Gen. Jose Valladares, the outlaw commandant of the Island of Amapala, the Pacific port of Honduras, still holds the western entrance to the republic. He has assumed a "come and take me" attitude. The American gunboat Princeton lies off the town of Amapala, and Commander Hayes will likely take steps to prevent further trouble.

General Valladares, whose implacable hatred of Americans led him into offenses against foreigners generally, has long held undisputed sway on Amapala, which, being the site of the customhouse, now affords him an excellent strategic position. At the solicitation of foreign interests President Davila, who has had reason to have a wholesome respect for the General's fighting abilities, recently persuaded Valladares to come to the capital, and exacted a promise that he would surrender his office as commander of the Amapala garrison. The President thereupon appointed Gen. Calixto Carlas as commandant of Amapala.

On Tuesday Valladares returned to Amapala, ostensibly to transfer his command to his successor, and to pick up his belongings, with the idea of leaving the island permanently.

However, the General was no sooner back on his old stamping ground than he took command of the garrison of the fort, and announced his rebellion against the government of Honduras.

President Davila subsequently called upon him to surrender. Valladares promptly, and emphatically refused, and apparently is preparing for hostilities from whatever source they may develop.

The Honduran government has a very small army, and, as Valladares has several hundred armed followers and is reported to have several modern machine guns, it is thought that President Davila will ask the assistance of this government in its efforts to get rid of the trouble-maker of Amapala.

Noted for his hatred of foreigners, Valladares recently publicly announced that he had named his dog "Taft" in order to show his contempt for the American government.

POSTAGE ON MAGAZINES.

Higher Rate Not To Apply To Scientific Or Literary Reading.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The plan to increase the postal charges on certain magazines does not include such publications as are scientific, literary or devoted principally to reading matter. Postmaster General Hitchcock purposes making the increase apply only to those so-called popular magazines, of which advertisements form a large part. The plan whereby such magazines will be made to bear a larger proportionate part of the expenses of the operation of the mail service is now being worked out under the direction of the Postmaster General. The department, it is asserted, has no intention to curtail or impede in any way the circulation of the scientific or literary magazines in which advertisements do not figure extensively.

KILLS HIMSELF IN HOSPITAL.

Cancer Patient Fires Bullet Into Brain in Brooklyn.

New York (Special).—Helped by some friend, it is believed, in securing means to carry out his desire to die, Charles Sembrecht, a cancer patient, committed suicide by shooting in the Seney Hospital in Brooklyn. An engineer stumbled over his body in the basement of the hospital. In his right hand was clutched a revolver, and there was a deep hole in his right temple. No one in the hospital had ever seen the revolver before, and it is believed that some friend of the sufferer had smuggled the weapon into him.

The Oldest Postmaster.

Milwaukee, Wis. (Special).—Joseph Dreyfus, aged 90 years, postmaster at Hales Corners, near Milwaukee, died of general debility. Mr. Dreyfus was said to have been the oldest postmaster in the service, as well as age, in the United States. He had been a government official about 40 years.

Newspaper Plant Burned.

Macon, Ga. (Special).—The Macon Telegraph Building was almost completely destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, with \$80,000 insurance. Raymond Clay, of Knoxville, Tenn., a printer, was burned to death. Only about half of the files of the paper, dating back for 75 years, were saved. The fire, so far as can be learned, started from a lighted watch carelessly thrown into some paper at the back of the building.