

The Centre Reporter

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SYNDICATING KINDLINESS.

Congress has declined to incorporate the hundred million dollar Rockefeller philanthropic trust, and perhaps it is just as well; not so much because the trust might in the dim future somehow menace the liberties of the people, as because the refusal is indirectly a blow at the tendency of the time to syndicate and organize all altruistic endeavor. Individualism is what we should encourage in this field, says the Columbia (S. C.) State. The syndication method excels, perhaps, in "efficiency." If one appraises philanthropy by the rate and degree in which it translates good will on the one hand into relief and uplift on the other. But we have never understood that the good of the recipient was the whole of a gift's blessings. Well-doing at second hand is not comparable with well-doing that requires individual thought, anxiety and self-denial. One's sense of humanity and his powers of compassion atrophy under the syndication system, but where one performs himself the maximum of kindly acts, philanthropic virtue is constantly being elicited, exercised and matured. It is good to see a tendency checked which in its logical extension would cause people to repose a smug content in the doing of good on the installment plan, as they might pay for a piece of furniture.

Philosophy is, as somebody has said, merely a more than usually determined effort to think clearly. Human nature seems to have been endowed with a restless curiosity about the great problems of existence. Most of us do more or less desultory thinking about them, and to that extent are philosophers. The ancient Greeks were the first to consider the problems serious and they brought to bear on them the keenest sort of intelligence. Since their time other keen minds in all ages have been concerned with them. When we get a new idea, for instance, we often feel as if we had known it all the time, only it had never come to the surface before in our minds and been recognized before. Does this mean that somehow all fragments of it come to consciousness? We describe a certain table as smooth. But looked at through a microscope it seems rough. A still more powerful glass might radically change its appearance. Which is the real table? What is behind the data that our senses give us? We wonder where we come from and what the real meaning of life is. These and similar problems come up at times in the minds of most persons, whether students of philosophy or not, says the Kansas City Star. A consideration of such questions certainly tends to widen the horizon, and to give a possible background to existence.

The New York Telephone Company has given twenty of its office men outside work as solicitors, and has supplied the vacancies created in their former positions by engaging women, who will be known as cashiers. Their business is to handle the large sums in nickels, dimes and quarters which reach the offices of the company from pay stations in different parts of the city. It is stated by officials of the company that they have found women more reliable and less inclined to yield to temptation than men in handling cash. And yet there are men who assert that women have no sense of business honor.

A New York judge has decided that the car company must settle if a sleeping passenger's trousers are stolen from his berth at a station through a window. The company ought to be required, also, to carry an extra pair of trousers for the relief of the passenger in case of such an embarrassing occurrence.

Denver boasts that in its public schools girls over twelve years of age are taught cooking, sewing, laundry work, the care of children, respect for husbands, the wise management of incomes and some art by which they can earn a living. But Denver omits to mention how many are graduated each year.

The management of one of New York's largest vaudeville houses has decided to bar mother-in-law jokes and to prohibit "humor" which is based upon a man's ability to be untrue to his wife without permitting her to know it. This is the kind of an uplift that may really uplift.

The sultan of Morocco has decided that since France has taken everything else he might as well move over to Paris and let France keep him, too.

That report of King George inventing a coal-saving cook stove was sprung just at the moment when it would make him most popular.

One Chicago woman has had her husband arrested because he did not kiss her. Almost any husband should feel proud of the compliment.

PASSENGER CAR SPLIT WIDE OPEN

Twenty-One Persons Killed and Many Hurt.

ENGINE FALLS ON ITS SIDE

Passengers Either Crushed Or Hurlled Into the Air—First Fatal Accident On the Ligonier Road In 40 Years.

Latrobe, Pa.—Twenty-one persons were killed and 30 injured, a large number fatally, when a passenger train on the Ligonier Valley Railroad was crashed into from behind by a double-header freight train. Only one passenger escaped without injury.

The accident occurred at the fair grounds at Wilpen, one and a half miles from Ligonier, a summer resort. The passenger train had started from Ligonier. It consisted of an engine and a coach, the engine pushing the coach. The freight train was made up of many coal cars and was being pulled by two heavy locomotives.

The impact was terrific. The passenger coach was practically laid open and the passengers either crushed or hurled like shots through the air.

It was the first fatal accident, it is said, in the history of the Ligonier Road for the past 40 years. The train was well crowded, every seat in the lone coach being occupied with persons returning from a Fourth of July holiday.

The coach was ripped to pieces. All the occupants were hurled to the roadbed. Some fell in the path of the onrushing engine, while others were imbedded, partly in the cinders and crushed stones beside the rails.

Engineer McConaughy was scalded to death, while his fireman, George Byers, jumped, only to fall on the track and meet death under the wheels.

SANEST OF FOURTHS

Twelve Cities Show Great Improvement—Philadelphia Had More Than Half Of The Deaths and Injuries.

Chicago.—Thursday was the country's "safest and sanest" Fourth of July and as a result only 20 lives were sacrificed, as compared with 57 in 1911, and with 131 in 1910, and with 215 in 1909, according to the record kept by the Chicago Tribune.

The Tribune published the following table, giving details of Thursday's mishaps: Dead, 20; by fireworks, 6; cannon, 1; firearms, 6; gunpowder, 6; toy pistols, 1; runaway, 1.

Injured, 64; by fireworks, 316; cannon, 47; firearms, 84; gunpowder, 93; torpedoes, 33; toy pistols, 47; runaways, 20.

In a dozen large cities there were only three deaths reported, as compared with 29 four years ago. In 10 of these cities there was not a single death. Two of the deaths and 156 of the lesser injuries occurred in Philadelphia, leaving only one death and 79 other injuries distributed among eleven large cities.

THIS CONSTITUTION ILLEGAL.
Gov. Marshall's Draft For Indiana Found Unconstitutional.

Indianapolis.—The new Indiana Constitution as drafted by Gov. Thomas R. Marshall and adopted at the last session of the Legislature was declared unconstitutional by the Indiana Supreme Court. The court held that the right to change the Constitution lies with the people and that the amendments should have been submitted to a constitutional convention instead of the Legislature.

FEDERALS TAKE CHIHUAHUA.
No Resistance From Rebel Rear Guard, Which Moves Northward.

Chihuahua, Mexico.—Federal cavalry took possession of the city of Chihuahua. No resistance was offered by the rebel rear guard, which moved north along the Mexican Central toward Juarez, and no disorders occurred.

Raised the Stars and Stripes.
New Orleans.—For the first time in history the Stars and Stripes fluttered over the Confederate Veterans' Home here Thursday. The flag raising marked the celebration of the Fourth and was intended to reciprocate a sentiment expressed by the Kingsley Post, G. A. R., of Boston, donor of the flag.

May Adjourn Soon.
Washington.—"We will get through before the end of the month," said Representative Sherley, of Kentucky, leading Democratic member of the House Committee on Appropriations, Thursday. The fact that the Senate has failed to act upon nine of the appropriation bills, the pending impeachment proceedings against Judge Archbald and the Stanley Steel Trust investigation report did not cause Mr. Sherley to change his view.

GEE! WE FEEL SORRY FOR THE TEACHERS



Fifth Annual Convention of the National Education Society Opens To-day.

TUMBLE TO DEATH FROM PARACHUTE

Frightful Fall of Thomas Moore at Pleasure Park.

LOSES HIS GRIP ON TRAPEZE

Thomas Moore, Making His Three-Cut Dip, Using Three Parachutes, One After Another, When the Accident Occurred.

New York.—Six thousand persons, including the fancee of Thomas Moore, a professional aeronaut, saw him tumble to death from a parachute Thursday afternoon after making a thrilling balloon ascension from Hillside Pleasure Park, Belleville, N. J. He dropped 800 feet, falling in Union avenue, Nutley, a half mile from where he ascended.

Moore, a resident of Jacksonville, Fla., was a daring airman. For the last three seasons he had startled the patrons of Hillside Park with his daring feats. When killed he was making what he had named his "three-cut dip," using three parachutes, one after another, in his descent. In making the last dip he lost his grip on the trapeze.

HICCUGHS PROVE FATAL.

Physicians Explode Giant Firecracker As Last Resort.

Logansport, Ind.—Physicians exploded a giant firecracker at the bedside of James McGowan, at a hospital here, in the hope that the nervous shock would stop his hiccoughing, from which he had been suffering for five days, but though he was quieted, he died of exhaustion. McGowan, who was 48 years old, had been hiccoughing continuously, and electricity and other remedial agents were tried without effect before the opening of the Fourth of July celebration suggested the firecracker as a last aid.

ARRESTED FOR LARCENY.

Former Assistant Treasurer of Steel Company.

New York.—Peter J. Elliot, who was employed as assistant treasurer and secretary in the reorganization of the Southern Iron and Steel Company and who has been missing since November last, was arrested here, charged with the larceny of \$40,000 in Southern Iron and Steel bonds. He was an accountant for a firm engaged in carrying out the reorganization plans and as such handled the securities. When arrested he refused to discuss the alleged theft.

KILLED IN FREAK WAY.

Rope Breaks Woman's Neck As Mule Runs Away.

Lebanon, Pa.—Miss Rebecca Hartman, 26 years old, of Swatara township, this county, was killed in an unusual manner. She was assisting in putting new-mown hay into the barn, leading a mule which was used in the operation of a patent hay fork. The animal became frightened and ran away, dragging the woman in its mad flight. Miss Hartman was held tightly against the corner of the barn by the rope with the mule at the other end of it. The rope cut deep into her face and broke her neck and also her jawbone.

TWO KILLED, 100 HURT.

No Safe and Sane Observance in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa.—A toll of two deaths and over 100 injured was exacted by Philadelphia's celebration of the Fourth, notwithstanding the efforts to make the day safe and sane. The many hospitals were taxed to their utmost by the well-meant, but misguided efforts of too ardent celebrators. Most of the injured were children.

SPEEDING TRAIN CRUSHES ANOTHER

Express Going Sixty-Five Miles an Hour.

BIG FLYER BREAKS LOOSE

Races On At 65 Miles An Hour, When Man At Lever Sees Danger, Reverses Throttle and Is Thrown From Cab.

Corning, N. Y.—Westbound Lackawanna passenger train, No. 5, from New York, due to arrive at Corning at 4:47 A. M., composed of two engines, a baggage car, three Pullmans and two day coaches in the order named, were demolished at Gibson, three miles east of Corning, at 5:25 o'clock Thursday morning by express train, No. 11, due at Corning at 5:10 A. M. Forty-one persons were killed and between 50 and 60 injured. Many of the victims were holiday excursionists bound to Niagara Falls, who had boarded the train at points along the line. The wreck was the worst in the history of the road. Its cause, according to Engineer Schroeder of the express, was his failure to see signals set against his train. The morning was foggy and he said he could not make them out. The wrecked train stood on the main track, blocked by a crippled freight train. There was no flag out, according to Engineer Schroeder. The signals, Engineer Schroeder declared, it was too foggy to see, were just around a curve.

The flying express plunged past them and crashed into the rear of No. 5, bringing death to more than two score of its passengers.

Schroeder had taken No. 11 at Elmira 15 minutes before. It was a few minutes late. The stretch of track from Elmira to Corning is fitted for fast running, and he was sending his train along at 65 miles an hour. No. 9 was supposed to be half an hour ahead of him. He had no warning until he made out the outline of the rear coach of No. 9 through the fog. Then he threw on the reverse without shutting off steam. The jerk threw the train off the track and the locomotive plunged on to splinter the two day coaches filled with the excursionists and tear through the last of the Pullmans. Schroeder said the impact threw him from the cab and landed him on his shoulder on the roadbed, practically unharmed.

The 100-ton monster continued its plunge through the middle of the train, grinding everything in its path. When finally blocked by the debris, it remained on the roadbed in the midst of the desolation it had caused, while hundreds of persons rushed in every kind of vehicle to the scene to lift and pry the dead and injured from the tangled mass of wreckage.

Most of the bodies found were badly mangled. The wrecked cars were one heaped-up mass of wreckage, jamming into each other in telescopic fashion. The last two cars on train No. 11 remained on the track and later were used as temporary hospitals.

Those who visited the scene of the wreck before the hospital forces had time to finish the work of removal, witnessed many scenes of horror.

\$1,350,000 For Army.

Washington.—The House adopted a resolution appropriating \$1,350,000 to provide for the participation of the regular army in the encampment and maneuvers of the organized militia of the several States.

YEAR IN JAIL FOR MCFARLAND

Minister Guilty Of Causing Death Of His Secretary.

Pittsburg.—Rev. Dr. T. D. McFarland, a prominent educator, who was found guilty of causing the death of his secretary, Elsie Dodds Coe, by an operation, was sentenced to serve one year in jail and fined 614 cents with costs. In submitting his verdict the jury recommended McFarland to the extreme mercy of the court.

BIG DIRIGIBLE EXPLODES IN AIR

Vaniman, His Brother and Three Others Killed.

WOMEN CRY AND FAINT

First a Rumble, and Then Air Seems Ablaze Before Car and Gas Bag Drop—Whole Resort At Scene.

Atlantic City, N. J.—With thousands of spectators standing in awe, too horrified to utter a sound, the dirigible Akron, with Melvin Vaniman, commander; his younger brother, Calvin Vaniman; Fred Almas, Walter Guest and George Brilliant, his crew aboard, was blown to atoms at 6:38 o'clock Tuesday morning. Vaniman and his crew were killed instantly.

The body of Calvin was recovered at 8 o'clock. The rest are buried in the mass of wreckage under nine feet of water, a quarter mile off Brigantine Beach, half a mile from this city, over Absecon Inlet.

The huge airship was launched at 6:15 o'clock. She sailed gracefully over the inlet with the crowd below shouting themselves hoarse in enthusiasm. This was to have been the final trial of the airship before she tried a flight across the ocean, and half the town was out to see her off.

After cruising about over the smooth sea, brilliantly outlined against the horizon by the intensity of the sun's rays, for perhaps half an hour, the ship, apparently under perfect control, was headed out from the inlet over a stretch of sea. Here the first trouble was experienced. Attempts to take water aboard for ballast proved a failure and the airship started to mount steadily in the air, rising gradually. It appeared that Vaniman and his crew were fighting hard to bring her down, she refused to respond.

The dirigible had reached a point about half a mile above the ocean. The crowd on shore, wildly excited by the battle in the air for supremacy, stood quiet. A sinister warning came with a muffled rumble, carried across the water on the still air. Electrified by the noise the thousands stood tense. Then a sheet of flame burst from the center of the big gas bag. The dirigible was obscured from view for a few short seconds. The air about seemed to be on fire. Then this disappeared.

The understructure of the car of the ship tore away from the rest of the vessel. It up ended, described a slow arc, then reversed and descended like a plummet. The bag, still containing enough gas to keep it afloat, hovered above a moment, fluttered like a thing alive and then darted down through the air; spreading out first; then collapsing and coming down in a long spiral, landing in the ocean a hundred feet from where the car had struck.

When the car had descended about half way to the water a body shot out from the side and came down faster than the wrecked ship. It struck the water 50 feet from the final landing place of the wreckage. As it came down the body could be seen to be mangled, a leg and arm hanging limp, while the rest of the body seemed to be stiffened.

This was afterward discovered to be Calvin Vaniman.

One theory advanced for the accident was that a leak in the fuel tank had caused the explosion and the flames from this set the bag afire. Another explanation was that too rapid expansion of gas caused the explosion.

Vaniman recently has been making numerous secret experiments with an interior air bag, by which he expected to control the rising and lowering of the balloon. His plan was to pump air into the interior bag, which would expand and thereby compress the gas within the balloon.

Vaniman was positive that he had solved the problem of aerial navigation. It is advanced by some that he had equipped the Akron with this new device and that its operation may have caused the accident. Vaniman talked in public, but usually acted secretly when he had experiments to make.

Rife Duel in Virginia.

Suffolk, Va.—Craig Atkinson, a young jeweler of Boykins, Va., shot and instantly killed John Beal, a farmer. Beal was 50 years of age. Atkinson, fully armed, went to the Beal home, where after a wordy war a duel with Winchester rifles followed. Atkinson was slightly wounded. It was an old feud of years standing between the families. Atkinson is awaiting preliminary hearing in Boykins Jail.

OLDEST BOOK AGENT.

George Clinton Paine Celebrates His 100th Birthday.

Newark, N. J.—George Clinton Paine, a citizen of this city, who calls himself "the oldest book agent in the world," is celebrating his one hundredth birthday at his home here this week. He is in excellent health—a condition for which he believes the drinking of buttermilk is largely responsible.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE NEWS

Newsy Items Gathered From All Parts of the State.

Allentown.—More than two thousand pupils of the public schools were promoted at the annual meeting of the Board of Control.

Allentown.—Marie, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kaegle, was terribly scalded by falling into a tub of hot water.

Catawba.—Stricken with heart disease, Miss Mabel Muth, of Egypt, thirty-one years old, died suddenly while visiting friends here.

Allentown.—On the porch of a daughter's home where she had gone on a visit, Mrs. Nathan Kaufman was found dead. She was eighty-seven years old.

Allentown.—Orders have been given to repair the Lock Bridge furnace of the Thomas Iron Company, idle for a year, preparatory to putting them into blast again.

Allentown.—Four hundred illegal sewer connections are to be investigated and prosecutions will be started in all cases where property owners decline to obey the law.

Strausstown.—The farmers in the Blue Mountain section purpose organizing a grange. They have engaged a State Grange organizer to form the preliminary organization.

Lansford.—There is a great demand here for tenement houses, as people are flocking here in great numbers because of the briskness in and about the mines.

Sunbury.—The first State bank in this section was organized at Freeburg. It has a capital of \$25,000. William Moyer, of Freeburg, was elected president.

Allentown.—Mistaking a torpedo for candy, Vincenzo Zambella, bit it. The child is in the hospital minus all his teeth and terrible lacerations of the mouth and face.

Allentown.—Brooding over his illness as well as his wife's, John W. Allen, forty-three years old, who was connected with a local jewelry store, committed suicide by taking poison.

Allentown.—In pursuance of a suggestion by Dr. Thomas H. Weaver, medical inspector, the School Board is arranging to establish an open air school for children who show symptoms of tuberculosis.

Allentown.—Samuel, six-year-old son of David A. Miller, proprietor of a newspaper here, while riding a bicycle, was run down by a motorcyclist, who did not stop. The boy suffered a broken collar bone.

Carlisle.—Daniel Weary, former Prothonotary of Cumberland county, was thrown backward from a load of hay to the barn floor, at his home in Middlesex township, and was seriously injured.

Sheridan.—The wages of the employees of the Berkshire Iron Works were increased ten cents a day and the men that put out the iron will get twelve and one-half cents a ton for their work.

Shenandoah.—Enock Jones, sixty-one years old, a contract miner, was seriously, if not fatally injured about the head and back by a fall of coal at William Penn Colliery. It was his fourth accident in the mines, and he barely escaped with his life each time.

Sunbury.—When Miss Mary Mangle, eighteen years old, was sentenced to six months in prison for the larceny of some women's clothing, she smiled and winked at Presiding Judge Herbert W. Cummings, who sentenced her. When she was led out of the court room she laughed and chatted with a friend.

Waterstown.—One man was instantly killed and another seriously injured, in a grade crossing accident here on the Reading Railway when a fast express train struck their wagon. The dead man is Charles Moser, fifty years old. William Martin was thrown fifty feet, and escaped with a slight scalp wound. Their horse was killed and the wagon was demolished.

Reading.—Ralph, ten-year-old son of Frank A. Delisher, a farmer of Topton, was driving two horses attached to a hay rake when the animals took fright and bolted. The boy was thrown in front of the rake and dragged for a considerable distance. He was frightfully lacerated and injured internally. Slight hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Allentown.—Charles W. Fritchman has accepted the proposition of the trustees of the Ritterville Asylum to serve as steward at \$1,800 a year and signed the contract which puts him into the position. Mr. Fritchman has been at the hospital since May 22 as Superintendent Klopp's assistant, getting things ready for its opening. He has had experience in a asylum, having been eight years at Trenton.

Tamaqua.—It has been decided to build a low wall across the Schuylkill river in the heart of the town to form a small dam. It will be used for water sports, storage of water in case of fire and improve sanitary conditions.

Summit Hill.—The local Town Council muddle was settled when Councilmen Zello Davis, Morgan Romemus and George Thomas, members of the new body, were accepted by the old Council, and from now on there will be one Council to transact the affairs of the borough.