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SLEEPING IN CHURCH.

It is a matter of common experience that bright lights in a chamber, church or hall where numerous persons are gathered together have the effect of producing drowsiness among certain members of the congregation or audience, says the Philadelphia Press. This phenomenon is easily explained by the current knowledge of hypnosis. The drowsiness produced by the lights is a species of hypnosis. It has been suggested also that lack of proper ventilation causes a toxic quality in the atmosphere to which some people are especially susceptible, the result being an irresistible drowsiness. Sleeping in church has always been a ready subject for humor. It is related that on one occasion when a proposal was under discussion to have a series of sermons preached on topics of the day which were agitating the public mind, Rufus Choate, as a member of the congregation, protested vehemently, saying, "I seek my pew, as I seek my bed, for repose." There is also an anecdote of an old Scotchman who was asked if he knew a certain man in the same neighborhood. "Know him?" he replied with emphasis. "Why, I've slept in the same kirk w' him for forty year." But the majority of preachers have never been inclined to take a humorous view of the matter, any more than Dean Swift.

"The law does not permit a man to leave his wife just because she nags him," Justice Marean decides. He meant, of course, the law of this state, says the New York Mail. In Kentucky, Missouri and other states, "ungovernable temper" and "indignities" are a cause not only for separation, but for absolute divorce and nagging may certainly be carried to the point of indignity; while in Oregon one may obtain a divorce if the partner of one's joys, and especially of one's sorrows, "makes life burdensome." And what can be more burdensome than nagging? However, there ought not to be divorce, nor even separation, for nagging, because no court of justice can ever be sure that the nagging is not justified, or at least provoked. Some women, for instance, are born naggers. Some achieve nagging, and a considerable number of others have nagging thrust upon them by a course of conduct which may be outwardly courteous, but which in its essence is insupportably irritating.

Boston is to have a hospital for "the blues," the first of the kind in the world. The institution will be psychopathic, though markedly different in scope from the wards of that name attached to Bellevue hospital in New York city. The hospital for "the blues" will be a branch of the Boston State hospital and will be conducted on the theory that all insanity cases are simply forms of physical sickness which can be alleviated with proper treatment. To that end the place will be a sort of clearing-house for those whose brains are out of gear. They will be differentiated and classified, according to the kinds of mental diseases they show, and remedies will be sought for each class of patients. There will be an out-patient department, for dealing with incipient insanity, and it is expected that this branch of the work will afford striking opportunities for the relief of many mildly insane persons without subjecting them to the stigma of insanity.

A Yonkers policeman saved about 30 people from death or injury when he picked up a dynamite bomb placed against a hotel and pinched out the fuse, which was within an inch of the explosion point. It was a good thing for the guests of the hotel that this heroic policeman happened to be also one so exceptionally handy "at a pinch."

A Pennsylvania farmer has a brood of chickens which can run the musical scale. Evidently the nature faker is making hay while the sun shines and while the labor of organizing third parties has absorbed the attention of the arch enemy of nature faking in other fields.

France has built a motor car road through Algeria for a stretch of 750 miles, and Great Britain has one 1,000 miles in length through the Malay peninsula. The United States, the home of the motor car, has not constructed a single great highway to connect her principal cities.

It is announced that a New York girl who has a fortune of \$15,000,000 is going to become the bride of an American. She must be another young lady who wishes to attract attention by doing something eccentric.

French clerks found to be slow with their duties had a queer cause discovered for their lack of speed. They had been taking time off to train snails.

TRUST IN MOVING PICTURE SHOWS

Government's Charge Against Film Companies.

BUSINESS IS MONOPOLIZED.

Ten Prominent Moving-Picture Film Concerns Are Accused of Combining To Control Business.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The Federal government attacked the so-called Moving Picture Trust in a civil suit filed here Friday for the dissolution of the Moving Picture Patents Company and the General Film Company. Ten prominent moving picture film concerns are accused of combining to monopolize the business, even to the extent of increasing or decreasing the number of motion picture theatres, in which they have no proprietary interest.

The following corporations and individuals, who are officers or directors, are named defendants:

Motion Picture Patents Company, General Film Company, Biograph Company, Thomas A. Edison (Inc.), Essanay Film Manufacturing Company, the Kalem Company (Inc.), George Kleine, Lubin Manufacturing Company, Melies Manufacturing Company, Pathe Freres, the Selig Polyscope Company, the Vitagraph Company of America, Armat Moving Picture Company, Frank L. Dyer, Henry N. Marvin, J. J. Kennedy, William Pelzer, Samuel Long, J. A. Berst, Siegmund Lubin, Gaston Melies, Albert E. Smith, George K. Spoor and W. N. Selig.

Each of the defendants is alleged to have overstepped the bounds of the lawful monopoly granted by their patents and the petition asks that several complicated interlocking license restrictions, tying patents together, be ordered canceled. The government charges that unreasonable and oppressive restraints and conditions have been arbitrarily imposed on the manufacture and leasing of films and machines, depriving the public of the advantages of competition, especially the competition of foreign films, the importation of which is alleged to be restricted.

Edwin P. Grosvenor, special assistant to the Attorney General, who has charge of the pending anti-trust suit against the International Harvester Company, made an exhaustive investigation of the moving picture business, drawing the petition filed by United States Attorney John C. Swartley, in addition, the bill is signed by Attorney General Wickersham and James A. Fowler, his assistant.

The government's petition says that between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000 feet of pictures are printed each week by manufacturers and distributed to thousands of exhibitors all over the United States. The government declares that a sum greatly in excess of \$100,000,000 has been invested in the different branches of the business. The defendants control, it is added, from 70 to 80 per cent. of the film business, furnishing approximately 7,000 exhibitors.

THREE KILLED BY AUTO.

Edward Burling, Wife and Chauffeur Crushed To Death.

White House, N. J.—Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Burling, of Bethayres, Pa., and their chauffeur, John Kilroy, were instantly killed when their automobile turned turtle at Greystone, two miles from here.

The accident occurred when Kilroy was trying to pass another car at a narrow place in the road. Kilroy lost control of the car as it struck a bank by the roadside and the automobile turned, crushing Burling and his wife and the chauffeur to death almost instantly. Miss Piel and Miss Robinson, of Huntington Valley, who were also riding in the car at the time, were fortunately thrown clear of the machine and were only slightly hurt.

BOYS BURNED TO DEATH.

Two Others Barely Escape From House Destroyed By Fire.

Honesdale, Pa.—Two boys lost their lives in a fire at Beachlake, 10 miles from here, when a building containing the ice-cream parlor, dance hall and bowling alleys of William Ives was destroyed. Ives' three sons and Joseph Gow, eight years old, of New York, were asleep in the building when the fire started and John Ives, 17 years old, and Gow were burned to death. The other boys were badly burned, but escaped from a second story window. Ives' body was found at a door which was locked. The fire is supposed to have started from a lighted cigar.

CANDLE STARTS \$250,000 FIRE.

Santa Fe Shops Damaged At Cleburne, Texas.

Cleburne, Texas.—Fire starting in the Santa Fe railroad shops here caused an estimated loss of \$250,000. A lighted candle in the hands of A. V. Campbell, a boilermaker, set an oil tank ablaze. Campbell was fatally injured. The flames rapidly spread over the car sheds and lumber yards, destroying passenger coaches and freight cars.

GUESS WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT



MARINES ARE AT MANAGUA

Rebels Must Stop Shelling Nicaragua Capital.

U. S. MINISTER IN CHARGE.

General Mena, Leader Of the Revolution, Has Alienated the Sympathies Of the American Government.

Washington.—The collier Justin, according to advices received at the State Department, has arrived at Corinto with 350 marines, under command of Major Smedley Butler, who reported at once to the senior officer, Captain Terhune, commanding the gunboat Annapolis, who has been given full authority to deal with the military situation in Nicaragua as it affects American interests.

It is believed that this marine force was at once dispatched to Managua, a six-hour run over the railroad from Corinto. Because of delayed cable advices to the Navy and State Departments, officials here can only conjecture what happened after the arrival of the marines in the Nicaraguan capital. How this force has been used depends entirely upon the will of American Minister Weitzel, but as he has already protested to the rebels against the bombardment of Managua, filled as it is with women and children and non-combatants, it is believed he has driven the insurgents away from their positions and stopped the bombardment. If his force is not sufficient for this purpose, officials feel assured that he will hold the city until reinforcements from Panama or the bluejackets of the Denver, now en route to Corinto, can be placed at his disposal. The State Department has let it be understood that it does not propose to tolerate this lawless shelling and killing of helpless women and children and endangering American lives and seizing and destroying American property. The officials are quite emphatic in pointing out that General Mena, the head of the revolution, has completely alienated the sympathies of this government by his conduct of the rebellion.

Related cablegrams received at the State Department from American Minister Weitzel give a vivid picture of the conflict of Managua, which began last Sunday morning, when General Zeledon, in command of the rebel forces around Managua, opened fire on the city from the vicinity of Momotombo.

LAND FOR LUTHER BURBANK.

Senate Gives Him Chance To Try Out Spineless Cacti.

Washington.—The Senate passed a bill placing at the disposal of Luther Burbank 12 sections of land in California, New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada for the propagation of the spineless cacti. The bill provides that if Burbank succeeds in growing on this semiarid land cacti suitable for animal food for a period of two years the land shall be sold to him for the regular \$150 an acre government land price. The bill already has passed the House.

Woman Kills Neighbor.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Creeping up to the rear of a neighboring residence Mrs. Sarah Echols shot and killed Mrs. Georgia Smith. Inter-family troubles are said to have prompted the killing. Mrs. Echols surrendered.

Composer Of Sacred Music Dies.

Philadelphia.—William Gustavus Fischer, noted throughout the world as the composer of sacred music, died at his home here after a short illness, aged 77 years. During the original Moody and Sankey revival services in this city he acted as the leader of a chorus of more than 1,000 voices. From 1858 to 1868 he was professor of music at Girard College. Among his most famous compositions were I Love To Tell the Story and Whiter Than Snow.

BANDITS AGAIN FIRE AT A TRAIN

Promptness of Engineer Saves Passengers.

2 WOMEN ON BOARD KILLED.

After Placing Stones On the Track the Mexican Cutthroats Hid in the Bushes To Attack the Train.

Mexico City.—A repetition of Sunday's massacre at Tlucman, when 35 soldiers and 20 passengers were killed by partisans of the rebel Zapata, was narrowly averted Wednesday near Huichila, in Southern Morelos, by the engineer of a southbound train from the city of Cuautla, who backed his train out of the danger zone under the fire of ambushed bandits.

Two women were killed and another was wounded by the rebel fire before the train was out of range. Rocks had been piled on the track, but were seen by the engineer in time to avert disaster.

News arrives every moment of devastations committed by partisans of the rebel Zapata in the Tenancingo district of the State of Mexico, about 65 miles southwest of Mexico City. It is feared in government circles that the rebels may cut off the retreat of General Trujillo, commanding the federalists now at Tenancingo and then surprise this city.

CONSUL KILLED.

Previous Attempt Upon His Life By Natives.

Washington.—William Bruce MacMaster, American vice consul at Cartagena, Colombia, has been shot and killed. Dispatches to the State Department reporting his death do not say if it was an accident or a murderous assault. An investigation is being made.

Mr. MacMaster was killed last Sunday "while hunting," according to the report to the State Department, which came from American Consul Kemper at Cartagena. An attack upon his life two years ago and the strain imposed upon his relations with the Colombian judicial authorities as a result of his efforts to secure full punishment for the would-be assassins excites the suspicion of officials here as to the cause of his death.

About two years ago, because he had killed a native in self-defense, MacMaster was attacked by several Colombians and dangerously wounded. He was arrested on the charge of murder, and though acquitted by a lower court, was found guilty and sentenced to imprisonment by an appellate tribunal. The United States government intervened and secured a new trial, which resulted in his acquittal in June, 1910, but he has ever since been fearful of further violence.

LONE MAN HOLDS UP TRAIN.

Robber Gets \$3,000 From Southern Messenger and Escapes.

Asheville, N. C.—A lone train robber boarded a Southern Railroad train from Spartanburg at Biltmore Station, and after covering the express messenger with a revolver, secured \$3,000 and escaped.

CHANGE IN PUBLICITY LAW.

Amendment To Campaign Expense Statute Is Proposed. Washington.—Senators and representatives may hereafter swear to and file in any regular postoffice their statements required under the campaign contributions publicity law, if the Senate adopts an amendment to that law adopted by the House. Now representatives have to swear to their campaign expense statements in their own districts and senators in their own states.

WOOL BILL PASSED OVER TAFT'S VETO

No Other Instance of President Being Overridden Known.

CLARK'S RULING A BIG HELP.

Speaker Aids By Ruling That the Majority Is Counted From the Votes Cast and Not From the Number Present.

By a ruling of Speaker Clark, who held that members voting present should not be counted in estimating the two-thirds vote necessary to pass a bill over a presidential veto, the Democrats of the House, with the aid of 19 Republican insurgents on the tariff, Tuesday passed the Underwood-La Follette compromise Wool Bill over the veto of President Taft. The vote was 174 ayes, 80 nays and 10 present, making a total of 264. Two-thirds of this number would have been 176, or two more than voted affirmatively. But Speaker Clark held that the 10 present should not be counted; that the Constitution meant two-thirds of a quorum present voting aye and nay, or two-thirds of 254, which would have been 170, so that under the Clark ruling four more than the necessary two-thirds to override the veto voted in the affirmative.

Not in the memory of the oldest member of the House has a tariff measure ever been passed over the President's veto by the lower branch of Congress. Neither Speaker Clark nor Majority Leader Underwood could recall such an occurrence.

MAY INTERVENE.

United States Prepared For Action In Nicaragua.

Washington.—Unless conditions in Nicaragua materially improve the United States will order Minister Weitzel to take charge of the government and with the aid of the 350 marines and 100 blue jackets already in Managua, proclaim martial law.

This would constitute intervention in its widest sense, but a continuance of the bombardment of Managua and a renewal of the raids engineered within the past three days by General Mena's troops would force the United States to drastic and immediate action.

Long experience with Latin-American republics has shown the State Department that too much leniency is a dangerous thing, and while President Taft is wedded to ideas of peace and diplomacy, even he admitted to Secretary Knox that conditions in Nicaragua were growing well-nigh unbearable and that something should be done at once.

Accordingly, the State Department wired Minister Weitzel he should assume full control of the American troops in Nicaragua, moving them as he thought best for the protection of foreigners and their property and even using them to attack the rebels should the latter make good their threat to bombard the foreign portion of Managua.

INDUSTRIAL BILL PASSED.

Commission Of Nine Created To Inquire Into Labor Conditions.

Washington.—The Senate passed the Hughes bill, creating a committee on industrial relations. A commission of nine persons is created to inquire into the general conditions of labor in the principal industries of the United States, including agriculture, and especially in those which are carried on in corporate form. The purpose of the commission is to ascertain facts and suggest legislation calculated to establish better relations between capital and labor. A report must be submitted within two years. A special inquiry must be made into the illegal entry of Asiatics into the United States or its insular possessions. The measure has already passed the House.

TO PROBE PATENT OFFICE.

Senate Passes Resolution Which Provides For Investigation.

Washington.—Investigation of the condition of business in the Patent Office was provided for in a resolution passed by the Senate. The measure authorized the Economy and Efficiency Commission to spend not to exceed \$10,000 in an examination of the system of granting patents. Senator Sanders bitterly criticized the present system of issuing patents. "The congestion of business has become so great," he said, "that resulting condition have made patents nothing but rights of action in the courts. They do not protect." The resolution had passed the House.

RURAL CREDIT SYSTEMS.

Senate Approves Plan Of Southern Commercial Congress. Washington.—The appointment of a commission by the Southern Commercial Congress to investigate rural credit systems in Europe was indorsed in a Senate joint resolution. The commission, to consist of a delegate from every State, would report to the general assembly of the International Institute of Agriculture, at Rome, next May.

SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD.

Farmers Busy In Every Locality—Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects—Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

Newberry is to have a fine new Pennsy station and office building.

Thomas Willis was elected Health Officer of South Bethlehem.

Shippensburg is shipping 200 bushels of huckleberries a week to the big cities.

Lycoming county's Court House at Williamsport is undergoing notable improvements.

Franklin is critically inspecting its daily supply of milk by railroad from New York State.

While cutting limbs from a tree at Tamaqua, George Isleb, aged 75, fell to the ground and was killed.

To raise money the Doylestown Nature Club will collect a carload of old newspapers.

Frank Sherer, of Lowhill, plucked from a peach tree a branch three feet long bearing 31 ripe peaches.

Blood poisoning, due to a fractured leg, caused the death of Leo Rehr, 65 years old, at Reading.

From injuries received in a fall down stairs a week ago, Daniel Ward died in the Allentown Hospital.

Through a premature explosion of dynamite in a Lancaster quarry Roy Miller, 20 years old, may lose both eyes.

William Sprecher, of Ephrata, caught a 5 1/4-pound bass, and, on opening it, found a hook and a yard of fish-line.

At Freeland, Peter Drobak, a miner, aged 39, was electrocuted by coming in contact with a live wire in Jeddo No. 5 colliery of G. B. Markle & Co.

Isaac Stauffer and Dawson Jossler, of Lancaster, killed a snake, and on opening it found in it 62 snakes, measuring from three to five inches.

Ammon Rhoads, of Worman, pulled an aching tooth with a pair of big pinchers rather than go to a dentist, and almost died to death.

The recent humidity has enabled corn and tobacco in York county to overcome the setback it received during the preceding unseasonably cold period.

A man at Mechanicsburg, who confessed to Court to the theft of a 99-cent paint brush that belonged to a neighbor, was sentenced to six months in jail.

Falling through the floor of a straw house, a horse owned by Frank Tempelin, of East Nantmeal, Chester county, broke its back in two places and was then shot.

Peter D. Wanner, who 27 years ago purchased a life ticket for \$300, allowing transportation on Reading trolley cars, has sold the ticket back to the company for \$1000.

While William Wilmeyer, of Bethlehem, was returning from a trip to the upper end of the county he was in the train beside a man who engaged him in conversation and who at the same time picked Wilmeyer's pocket of \$50.

Samuel C. Todd, Executive Controller, and Mrs. Todd have returned to Harrisburg from a two weeks' trip over the lakes from Buffalo to Duluth. On the way home they visited in Charleroi, Detroit and other places.

While Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Christian were taken a stroll around Island Park, near Bethlehem, a huge branch was torn from a tree by a sudden gust of wind and fell on the woman's head. She was rendered unconscious.

There is such a rush of work at the Pottstown plant of the McClintic-Marshall Construction Company, which is finishing a \$6,000,000 contract in the Panama Canal, that scouts are being sent to various places for laborers.

At a meeting of the Allentown School Board the directors questioned the \$200 bill of the auditors, who recently surcharged them \$280. It is claimed the law allows the auditors \$5 a day, and the directors want an itemized bill.

Former Councilman Joseph N. Marshall and family, of West Chester, are at Atlantic City for a lengthy stay. Street Commissioner John C. Heed was the guest of Mr. Marshall and the two went out to sea and removed one hundred fine sea bass.