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SWAM LOWER RAPIDS.

Carlisle D. Graham's Perilous Niagara Trip.

Heavy Cattle Receipts—Automobile Fell From Bridge—British Industrial Commission—Four Girls Drowned.

Carlisle D. Graham of Philadelphia swam through the rapids from the Whirlpool to Lewiston Sunday afternoon. Graham made the trip of four miles in 25 minutes and at the end of his perilous journey appeared none the worse from the buffeting he received in the turbulent waters.

Heavy Receipts of Beef Cattle. August closes with jobbing activity apparently at its height in the northern half of the country and the total volume of the month's operations probably in excess of any similar period in previous years.

Other farm produce tends to drift downward. Corn is lower on good weather, but a good export business has developed. Beef cattle receipts are heavy and stockers and feeders are lower at wholesale, while retail prices are expected to follow.

Patent Fell Down Elevator. Miss Victoria Riddle, 23 years of age, of West Thirty-fourth street, New York city, who had been a patient since Monday last in the private sanitarium of Miss Annie L. Alston of West Sixty-first street, was killed in that institution by falling five stories from a moving elevator on which, under the influence of ether, she was being conveyed from the fourth to the fifth floor to be operated upon.

Farmers Gagged by Burglars. Three masked burglars entered the dwelling of Adolph Hunter in Wilmington township, near Sharon, Pa. Monday night, and after binding and gagging him and his wife, ran sacked the house, securing \$200 which Hunter had saved to pay off a mortgage on the place.

Two were killed and three injured in an automobile accident at Park avenue bridge over the New York and Long Branch railroad tracks at Long Branch Tuesday.

Mr. Mathews was instantly killed, the heavy machine falling upon him. Mrs. J. H. Cobb of Richmond, Va., one of his guests, died later at the Monmouth Memorial hospital and Mrs. Louis Pizani, her sister-in-law, is believed to be dying.

Four Girls Drowned. Four girls, Anna and Susan Beach of Danbury, Conn., and Stella and Martha Duncan of Pawling, Dutchess county, were drowned in Lake Pearce, two miles from Pawling, last week.

Three burglars broke into the North Collins, Erie county, postoffice shortly after midnight Saturday, blew open the safe with dynamite and stole a large sum of money and several hundred dollars worth of stamps.

WERGER SUIT ANSWER.

Minnesota Vs. Northern Securities Company.

One Answer For the Securities Company and Mr. Hill, One For the Great Northern and One For the Northern Pacific—Deny That Competition is Lessened by Merger.

St. Paul, Sept. 2.—The answer of the Northern Securities company and President J. J. Hill, in the suit in the United States court to prevent the consolidation of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railway company, was filed in court in this city yesterday afternoon. It is a general denial of the complaint.

Defendants deny that the Northern Securities company has ever conducted any business in Minnesota or had any place of business or owned any property of the Eastern railway of Minnesota, or operated by virtue of a lease.

They admit that the lines are the only lines of a single railway company traversing east and west all the northern tier of states west of the Mississippi river. They deny that these lines are the only lines crossing the state of Minnesota and connecting the Pacific ocean by rail with points of said state, or that they are the only lines connecting the territory of the northern tier of states or the territory tributary thereto by rail with the Pacific ocean.

They deny that any of the matters alleged in the bill have prevented or hindered or will prevent or hinder the construction by the state or by anyone authorized by the plaintiffs of railroads that the state may deem necessary or advantageous to bring its swamp lands into market and secure their settlement and occupation.

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Summary of the Week's News of the World.

Cream of the News Culled From Long Dispatches and Put in Proper Shape For the Hurried Reader Who is Too Busy to Read the Longer Reports and Desires to Keep Posted.

Mount Altamonte, in Italy, has been in eruption four days and is emitting showers of stones and flames. Field Marshal Lord Wolseley has recently described the American army as "the best in the world."

The 20th annual reunion of Colonel Peter A. Porter's regiment, the Eighth New York Heavy artillery, was held last week at Albion. Carl Heinrich of Newark, N. Y., while hunting with Henry Rauscher and a younger brother, was killed by accidental discharge of a gun.

Fred West of Boston is dead at Saratoga from the effects of sandbagging by two men, who emptied his pockets of several thousand dollars. President Roosevelt continued his trip through Massachusetts and New Hampshire, after making a great speech on trusts at Boston.

General Miles was instructed by the president to "proceed about Sept. 12 to the Philippines to inspect the army there with reference to instruction discipline and supplies." A shunting engine crashed into a train conveying Boer refugees to Johannesburg. The front cars were wrecked and a number of women and children were killed.

Josiah Payne, postmaster at Jeddah, Orleans county, fired on three burglars who were ransacking the office and hit one, who dropped, and another surrendered, one escaping. As a result of a quarrel William Michaels stabbed and killed William Robbins, a fellow workman, at Niagara Falls.

George Clark, who was shot while attempting with two others to rob the Jeddah postoffice Monday night, died in the Lockport jail. President Roosevelt passed through Massachusetts and New Hampshire and into Maine, delivering eight speeches in one day.

W. A. Larned (champion) defeated R. F. Doherty (challenger) in the Casino tennis tournament at Newport, R. I., three sets to one. The Rev. Sam Small admitted that he was intoxicated when he attempted to speak at a high license political rally in Brattleboro, Vt.

Chief Judge Alton B. Parker of the court of appeals declared he would not take the nomination for governor if it was offered him unanimously. Five members of a boating party of six employees of the Battle Creek Mich., sanitarium were drowned in Lake George.

General Chaffee telegraphs the war department that serious earthquakes have occurred in the Lake Lanoo district, island of Mindanao. Captain Gearhart of the Twelfth regiment P. N. G., is suffering from an injury from a stone thrown by a striker at Tamaqua, and five rioters were arrested.

GENERAL GOBIN'S ORDER.

Situation Generally Quieter at Tamaqua and Lansford.

Tamaqua, Pa., Sept. 1.—The work of the strike leaders in cautioning their men that violence would be met with bullets from the troops has had its effect.

Saturday, outside of a flurry at Summit Hill, where strikers surrounded the home of a non-union man and made a wild demonstration, nothing of an untoward nature occurred. At Lansford, however, there appears to be a deep recurrency of dissatisfaction that would require little to surge it into the riotous condition that existed until lately, when General Gobin's strenuous order produced quiet.

The strike leaders are loud in their denunciation of the order, and brand it as unnecessary, and issued in the interest of the corporations. General Gobin denied this and while he admitted that the order was drastic in its nature, he considered that the situation fully warranted it.

More men reported for work Saturday than on any other day since the strike began. They were put to work at No. 4 colliery, where the coal has been mined for the past week. A leading official of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company admitted that 1,000 tons of coal are being mined and shipped daily. He said that Monday would see still more men at work. They will be put to work at No. 8 colliery. This colliery has been in operation several weeks, washing coal from a nearby bank.

On Monday, an effort to mine coal here will be made. In this manner it is expected that in the course of a week or so every colliery in the Panther Creek valley will be working.

WIDOW SEEKS JUSTICE.

Alleges Her Late Husband Gave Judgment Note to His Father Without Value Received.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., Sept. 1.—Sensational allegations are made in a petition filed in court by Mrs. Emma Ike, asking for an issue to determine the validity of judgment notes for \$9,000 confessed by her late husband, Dr. E. M. Ike, in favor of his father, Jerry Ike.

Mrs. Ike alleges that there was no consideration for the notes, and that her husband entered into a conspiracy with his father to deprive her of her inheritance at his death, because she might remarry. She further made the startling allegation that her husband's death was not natural but premeditated.

The parties are prominent people of Altoona. The court reserved its decision. Struck Under Chin and Neck Broken. Altoona, Pa., Sept. 1.—William Rabold, a machinist, was killed in the Pennsylvania railroad erecting shop about 10 minutes before quitting time Friday evening. Workmen were talking blocks from under a locomotive when the weight came suddenly on a bar held by Rabold. The bar struck him under the chin, breaking his jaw and neck. Rabold was aged 50 years and married.

Two Runaway Accidents. Unlontown, Pa., Sept. 1.—Miss Mary Jane Crane was killed in a runaway near here Friday. The team ran down a steep hill and Miss Crane jumped out. Her head struck a wheel and death resulted from concussion of the brain in an hour. Jacob S. Vanburen's team alied at a street car, throwing him under the wagon. He received a broken leg and internal injuries.

Battle With Copperhead Snake. Reading, Pa., While Harry Heckaman and his wife of Womelsdorf were working in the garden a 5-foot copperhead snake made a plunge at Mr. Heckaman, barely missing him. Then a battle began, during which the snake wrapped itself about a hoe handle which Heckaman used as a weapon. The wife finally killed the reptile with a wash prop.

ANOTHER GOLD DISCOVERY.

Cumberland, Md., Sept. 1.—Excitement has been caused by the alleged discovery of gold near Hazen, 10 miles distant, by H. E. Lashill, a mining expert from Australia, here on a visit.

He says he discovered two reefs and several pockets on Evitts mountain and that gold will be found in paying quantities at a depth of 30 feet. Mute Six Months, Now Talks. Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 1.—Miss Annie Moody of this city, aged 16 years, was stricken speechless six months ago and her family despaired of her ever regaining her vocal powers. Friday, however, she suddenly recovered her voice.

Aeronaut's Balloon Burns. Ebensburg, Sept. 1.—The Ebensburg Agricultural society Friday closed the most successful session of its fairs. F. P. Robinson, the aeronaut, after making an ascension and parachute leap, lost his balloon by having it burned. Hotel Man Tries Suicide. Scranton, Sept. 1.—Samuel Nash, proprietor of the Hotel Nash, attempted to kill himself by shooting, once in the neck and a second time in the region of the heart. Neither bullet inflicted serious injury.

Washington, Pa.—The tinsplate plant erected here by W. H. Griffiths was put in operation last week with 200 men, which will be increased to 300 after next Thursday.

Mad dening Legacy. A young man at St. Mendis was driven mad by a legacy of \$4,000. From the moment the money came into his possession he was oppressed by the fear of losing it and always carried it about with him. He finally made a bonfire of it in the form of notes and then attempted to blow out his brains. —London Chronicle.

The Difference. Mrs. Dash.—The idea of Mrs. Dash having society aspirations! Why, her father was peddler! Mr. Dash.—Yes, she's entirely too forward. She ought to hang back until people have forgotten it. Now, in your case, my dear, it was your grandfather who was a peddler.

Queen's Indian Robes. Simla, Sept. 2.—Queen Alexandra is an autograph letter to Lady Curzon (formerly Miss Lettice of Chicago and Washington), wife of the viceroy of India, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, says: "The Indian coronation robes which you so highly designed are perfect and made the most brilliant effect. I am proud of wearing the Indian dress on this great occasion. I hope you will make this known in India."

Junior Order of American Mechanics. Niagara Falls, N. Y., Sept. 2.—The Junior Order of American Mechanics met here yesterday. Two hundred delegates representing a membership of 12,900 in the state were present. The following officers were elected: State councillor, W. S. McClure, Brooklyn; state vice councillor, Elmer E. Smith, Lockport; state councillor treasurer, A. Bright, Brooklyn; state councillor warden, J. Lester, Ithaca; inside sentinel, G. H. Walden, Elmira; trustee, L. E. Sniger, New York; chaplain, D. E. Cash, Corning. The next meeting will be held in Schenectady.

Grants of Swamp Lands. They say that except the grants of swamp lands mentioned the grants by the state in aid of railroads in Minnesota were made by the territory and state of Minnesota merely in execution of trusts reposed in them respectively by acts of congress granting lands of the United States to aid in the construction of such railroads.

They admit making large shipments of wheat and other products from and to the places named in the bill. They deny that competition between the defendant companies for traffic between said places was, prior to the organization of the Securities company, any sharper or more active or more productive of lower rates for freight or passenger than it has been at all times since such organization and still is; on the contrary they say that since the formation of said company such rates have already been largely reduced and are now and will continue to be lower than those stated in the bill to have been secured by the sharp and active competition therein alleged.

They deny that any of the matters alleged in the bill have prevented or hindered or will prevent or hinder the construction by the state or by anyone authorized by the plaintiffs of railroads that the state may deem necessary or advantageous to bring its swamp lands into market and secure their settlement and occupation.